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News Summary

GENERAL
Oz issue Wall St. obscene, selling—court finds
 All defendants in the Oz trial were found guilty by a ten-to-one majority verdict yesterday of publishing an obscene article, sending an obscene article by post, and possessing obscene articles for publication for gain. However, they were found not guilty of conspiring to corrupt public morals.

The magazine's three editors, Richard Neville, 28, James Anderson, 33, and Felix Dennis, 34, were remanded in custody for police, social medical and mental reports—which will take about three weeks.

The case arose from an issue of the magazine produced by school children with adult subjects as lechism and drug-taking.

After the hearing ended, the national Council for Civil Liberties claimed the prosecution was a political show trial to warn the young to "do as we do." It would undertake "a full investigation."

Uster warned by Maudling in internment
 Some Secretary Maudling told MP's last night he would shrink from the internment of IRA suspects in Uster if the Government and security forces felt it was necessary. It could then be used without warning.

Uster Corporation, dismayed at mining injuries and property damage, is sending a delegation to a meeting with Mr. Heath which demands would be for tougher action against the IRA. Page 12

Guillotine again
 A motion on discussion the Industrial Relations Bill was carried 308-263 by the Government despite bitter protests from the Opposition whose members, said Employment Secretary Carr, were "claptrap."

Charter flight for 00 stopped
 London-New York charter flight was prevented from leaving the DTI yesterday because it was not satisfied the flight—on the United Airlines of the S. returned to the United States last week—met regulations on airline pilots. The charter, Compass Club, claimed 200 holidaymakers were stranded in London last night because the DTI delayed its decision until 11.30 a.m. yesterday, too late for passengers to be told.

Charles drops in
 Prince Charles, 22, made his first "adult" jump—from 1200 feet to the sea near Poole Harbour—was picked up almost immediately by a Royal Marines helicopter.

Wilson's memoirs
 Wilson was reported to have been down a U.S. offer for the manuscript of his memoirs. Instead, he intends to go to a British university—possibly Oxford or Oxford—as an official exhibit.

Janar orbit to-day
 15 astronauts were scheduled to sleep for 70 minutes in the spacecraft as they sped unevenly to today's entry into lunar orbit. Only two further snags feared, another short circuit in a broken glass in an instrument in the Falcon module, which were considered very minor.

riefly...
 Routine vaccination of children against smallpox is to be discontinued. The Health Ministry considers the chances of the disease reaching Britain to-day remote.

Masked men, one firing
 A gun, equipped with £100,000 in the Allied Irish Bank in Burnt Hill Road, London. No one was injured.

F helicopter was reported to
 rescued three men from a Dutch coastguard blaze 10 miles off Lowestoft.

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 Financial Times July 28 July 27
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Labour 16-6 and TUC 15-11 against entry

Anti-EEC campaign to be stepped up

BY JOHN BOURNE, LOBBY EDITOR

THE anti-Marketisers scored their biggest success so far when the Labour Party's National Executive voted decisively yesterday against British entry into the EEC on the terms negotiated by the Government.

Not only did they vote by a larger margin than expected—16 votes to 6—but they ensured that the executive's decision would be the official Labour Party policy throughout the summer until it comes up for endorsement at the annual party conference at Brighton in October.

Finally, led by Mr. James Callaghan, the party treasurer, the executive decided by 15 to 6 to launch a national campaign in support of its policy. This, however, is unlikely to be as ambitious as the anti-Marketisers would like, partly because of lack of funds, but also because of a national advertising campaign and the activities of Transport House to leaflets.

Narrow margin

The TUC general council also came out against the Government's entry terms at its meeting yesterday, but here the narrow margin of 15 votes to 11. On the Labour executive Mr. Roy Jenkins and his colleagues knew in advance that they would be defeated, but their spokesman for the day, Mrs. Shirley Williams, gave a crêpe colour in a short speech to the executive.

She said this was a "sad and tragic moment." Whatever their

disagreements about the terms they had to face the fact that "today we are turning our backs on a crucial moment of history, and also on the Social Democratic parties of Europe which want the British Labour movement to join them in the EEC. We believe we could have won the Continent for Socialism."

The pro-Marketisers also lost out in the executive's decision to "invite the Parliamentary Labour Party... to unite wholeheartedly in voting against the Government's policy." They detected here underlines that the executive was advising the Parliamentary leadership to put on a three-line whip when the Commons votes on the entry terms in the autumn.

The decision was taken by 15 votes to 6, but Mr. Denis Healey, who earlier had voted consistently with the anti-Market majority, deliberately abstained on this vote. Their attitude was that the proposal, which came from Mr. Anthony Wedgwood Benn, the vice-chairman, was constitutionally incorrect because the executive had no constitutional role in the affairs of the Parliamentary Labour Party. However, the pro-Marketisers were told by Mr. Wilson that the intention of trying to restrict their freedom of speech in the coming months. The party leader is reported to have been in his most kindly, avuncular and rulebook mood: "not at all headmasterly," said one politician afterwards. Mr. Wilson emphasised that

members of the NEC who disagreed with the decision must not feel scared. There was a precedent for their being free to continue to argue their case for accepting the entry terms—the case of German rearmament when Aneurin Bevan and the Left argued against the party's official policy.

At this point Mr. Roy Jenkins said that it should be recognised that "many of us" have very deep feelings on the Common Market.

But he agreed that there was no need for this issue to be as divisive in the party as were the Bevanite disagreements of the 1950s. "I hope we can soon get on to other matters," he said. Earlier, Mr. Healey said he wanted to remind the executive of the traumatic divisions of the 1950s, which "probably lost us the 1959 election." Mr. Callaghan said he was very happy that the executive had rejected the entry terms, and he hoped that "from now on we are not associated with the Treaty of Rome." Mr. Ian Mikardo, the party chairman, and a leading Left-winger from the Bevanite days, said it was manifestly clear that there need not be the bitterness of those days. This was mainly

because to-day the anti-Market majority in the party was more tolerant than the anti-Bevanites used to be. "I lived through the 50s, and the scars are still on me. I won't do the same in the present minority as they did in mine."

However, interviewed on BBC radio after the meeting, Mr. Mikardo hinted that these pro-Marketisers who voted against the policy of the party in the autumn might find themselves defeated in the November elections for the Labour "shadow" cabinet.

He said the position of the six NEC members who had been outvoted on the Common Market issue was the same position in which all other minorities had been.

"We have an election for the 'shadow' Cabinet at the beginning of every Parliamentary session, and nearly always there are one or two changes. It would be surprising if there were not changes next time." "Labour MPs when they are deciding how to cast their votes will almost certainly take into account among other factors whether a particular candidate is a supporter or opponent of the policy on the Common Market as it now is."

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British Rail holds out on prices pledge

BY COLIN JONES

BRITISH RAIL has not yet agreed to sign the CBI undertaking on prices and is still discussing possible arrangements which would enable the BR Board to do so. In the absence of special arrangements, there is a distinct possibility of British Rail refusing to go along with the CBI proposal.

Indeed, some resentment ran deep among the BR Board

Already, as a result of the year's recession in traffic, particularly in coal and steel shipments, last year's net profit of £5.5m after interest charges has disappeared, despite higher fares and freight charges.

Although other public corporations which are currently making a loss, such as the British Steel Corporation and the Post Office, are believed to have agreed to sign the CBI undertaking, British Rail considers that its position is somewhat different.

Mr. Richard Marsh, the prospective chairman of British Rail and Mr. Michael Rosworth, deputy chairman, who are presenting BR's case in Whitehall, are believed to have agreed that all that BR is under a statutory duty to avoid loss-making.

Although the 1968 Transport Act—which Mr. Marsh, as Minister of Transport, was responsible for steering through Parliament—adopted the usual formula about "covering revenue cost," taking one year with another, another section of the Act empowers the Government to appropriate any surplus made in any one accounting year.

In addition, on practical grounds, BR claims that it has already had sufficient experience of deficit financing to want to fight strongly against being forced into continuing to do so.

Among the possible alternative arrangements which Mr. Marsh and Mr. Rosworth are believed to have put forward to the Department of Environment, British Rail's sponsors in Whitehall, are non-interest-bearing loans or grants—or, as a last resort, a substantial payment of "infrastructure grants" for major rail investment projects.

It is widely believed that British Rail had been planning to make a further selective increase in passenger fares this autumn and next January. It had also intended to renegotiate certain short-term freight contracts and to invoke price escalation clauses in existing contracts.

The road to industrial serfdom?

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Mr. Richard Marsh

members concerned over recent Ministerial statements indicating that British Rail, like other nationalised industries, has already agreed to co-operate while BR's discussions with the Department of the Environment are still taking place.

British Rail is building out because a 12-months partial price freeze at a time of rapid inflation in costs would turn its waterworks profitability into a substantial loss.

Even a 5 per cent. limitation on fares and charges increases would probably mean a revenue loss of up to about £50m, allowing also for the withdrawal of the final £5m. of the Exchequer grant aid for the London area commuter services.

Statement on future of UCS to-day

BY PHILIP RAWSTORNE

MR. JOHN DAVIES, Secretary for Trade and Industry, is to make a statement in the Commons to-day about Government plans for the reorganisation of Upper Clyde Shipbuilders.

The plans, based on the recommendations of the four expert committees to examine the situation, were discussed at a two-and-a-half-hour meeting of the Cabinet yesterday when the Government's law officers were called in to advise on legal problems surrounding the operation.

Labour MPs last night feared that the scale of redundancies resulting from the reorganisation could be significantly higher than earlier estimates of about 2,000—and they predicted a major political row if their fears were confirmed to-day.

Their anxieties were heightened by the results of a meeting before the Cabinet decision yesterday, between Mr. Davies and a delegation of UCS shop stewards.

Mr. Davies told the delegates that it would be wrong to imagine that the total workforce of UCS could be re-employed in any reorganisation on the upper reaches of the Clyde. The recommendations of the advisory

group did not lead that way, he said. No new restructuring could be comparable in size and form to the existing organisation, said Mr. Davies. And UCS could not stay intact.

He told the stewards that he was anxious to preserve shipbuilding on the Upper Clyde, but said this would be difficult to achieve.

Though he hoped to see ships still being built in the area on a sensible profitable and continuing basis, Mr. Davies expressed concern over the state of the industry's order books and emphasised that a co-operative effort would be needed on the Upper Clyde.

Replying to Mr. James Hele, the delegation's leader, who urged him to consider the social as well as the economic aspects of the situation, Mr. Davies said that the Government had these very much in mind. But UCS had been in a state of uncertainty for over two years, said Mr. Davies, and the uncertainty had to be removed.

He told one delegate who suggested that any contraction of the shipbuilding industry on the Upper Clyde would precipitate the highest political struggle of

the century, that the industry would only survive if there was co-operative understanding. Survival could not be achieved by a head-on clash.

Union meeting

Andrew Hargrave, Scottish Correspondent, writes: A meeting of the co-ordinating committee of the trade union side of UCS 11 includes full-time union officials as well as shop stewards has been called for tomorrow morning to discuss the next step following Mr. Davies's statement. It will be followed by a meeting of all UCS shop stewards.

Three of the four UCS units—two shipyards and the steel factory at Linthouse—are still on holiday, but in view of the crucial importance of the Government's decision, the union side hopes that the majority of ship stewards of the yards on holiday will attend the meeting which is to take place at the Clydebank works the only one at work at present.

At a mass meeting in Clydebank yesterday, workers at the Clydebank yard agreed to the shop stewards' decision to call work to a standstill in any yard doomed to closure.

Huge U.S. June trade deficit

By John Graham

WASHINGTON, July 28. THE United States had an enormous trade deficit in June and, for the first time in 21 years, there have been three consecutive monthly deficits.

The deficit was \$381.6m., bringing the last three months' loss to \$803m. This has more than wiped out the gains of the first three months, leaving the U.S. with a half-year deficit of \$372m.

Should this continue, the country will record its first trade deficit since 1893. Indeed, if you compare the first half of this year with the first half of 1970, you get an adverse swing in annual rates of \$3,800m.

Various reasons

The Commerce Department gave various reasons for the extraordinary deterioration, such as the west coast dock strike and the anticipated strikes in steel and non-ferrous metals industries. These have reduced exports and bolstered imports, as domestic consumers have hedged.

But a more fundamental reason has been that exports have been restrained by the slowdown in the rate of economic growth in many of America's main markets abroad, while at the same time rising U.S. business activity has stimulated imports.

Sir L. O'Brien's £27,000 a year

BY MICHAEL BLANDEN

SIR LESLIE O'BRIEN, Governor of the Bank of England, was paid £27,182 in the past year, a rise of £2,000 from the previous year which puts him at the top of the incomes paid to heads of nationalised industries. The Bank, publishing its full accounts for the first time in its 270-year history, discloses that it made an operating profit of £244,000 in the year to end-February 1971.

The publication of the bank's accounts was one of the central recommendations of the Select Committee report last year, which aimed to increase the Bank's accessibility to Parliament and the public for its operations. The accounts will be further substantially changed as a result of other measures which are to be put into effect this year.

The banking department's

total income included over £22m. from its holdings of Government Treasury bills and stocks, and a charge of £3,681,000 for services to the Government. After the statutory payment of £1.75m. to the Treasury and after taxation, the Bank retained £244,000 of its profits.

Under the new rules, the Bank will, from March this year, make charges to cover the full cost of its main services to the Government—the administration of exchange control, management of the Exchange Equalisation Account and management of the National Debt. At the same time, profits of the banking department after provision for reserves and working capital, will be paid over to the Treasury; the first payment is due on October 5.

The report also reveals that the bank made charitable donations of £54,986 during the year. Total emoluments of the Governors and directors came to £216,000.

In the issue department, where profits are already paid to the Treasury, it is shown that the total cost of producing and issuing bank notes during the year was £7.1m. This is set against the very large income from the holdings of Government securities against the note issue, and a total of £145.3m. of net income was payable to the Treasury.

The Bank also reports on the results of its inquiries into Britain's invisible earnings. These have shown that overseas earnings of the banks and of the Baltic Exchange grew much faster between 1965 and 1969 than was assumed, leading to revisions of balance of payments



Sir Leslie O'Brien

estimates. The Bank is working on the earnings of accountants, and has completed arrangements for an inquiry into solicitors' earnings at the end of this year.

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Letters to the Editor

BRACKEN HOUSE, CANNON STREET, LONDON, EC4

Common Market debate

Sir—Mr. H. G. Bearston (July 21) will have to try harder. None of the opinion polls mentioned in my letter (July 21) was organised by the European Movement. They were carried out by Opinion Research Centre and National Opinion Polls respectively. The ORC poll was commissioned by the BBC, the European Movement by the European Movement.

In no way does the independence and validity of its findings. A subsequent ORC poll, commissioned by the BBC, has shown that the pro-market swing opinion is continuing.

For the past two years anti-market forces have triumphantly united to opinion polls as evidence of public opposition to market entry. Now that opinion polls have decreased from over 70 per cent last year to around 40 per cent today (latest figures) we have these clumsy attempts to discredit the polls together with the new tactic of running unrepresentative local referenda, which is all fairly plain at the level at which the anti-market forces have conducted their propaganda campaign.

Freeman, Managing Director, "Elbeck City,"
Finchbury Square, E.C.2

Free movement of capital

Sir—In your issue of July 26, Mr. Stern makes some points about the effects of free movement of capital once Britain joins the EEC. I believe that Mr. Stern has misjudged the likely consequences, and I would like to make the following points reply:

(1) With regard to Ireland, Ireland and Southern Italy, there is one explanation for the population in the 19th century that governments in those areas did not practise regional economic development policies.

(2) It is not true that the EEC requires dissolution of most of our regional policies. As Roy Jenkins pointed out in the House of Commons on July 22, most of our instruments of regional development are in use in one country or another of the existing EEC, and the six member countries have had considerable success in this field.

(3) If we join there will be more reason for American companies to invest here rather than in the Six. Indeed, Mr. George Ball, formerly Under Secretary of State of the U.S., said last

week that he knew of American companies queuing up to do so. I am frankly puzzled about the relevance of Mr. Stern's point about an agreement of May 18, "whereby," he says, "up to 200,000 British workers will be exported to Germany." I do not know the details of this agreement but if they are as he claims he seems to be weakening his own argument. We are not yet in the Community and the extra prosperity which entry will bring would help to reduce the numbers of unemployed.

Peter Blaker,
House of Commons, S.W.1.

Community earnings

Sir—Mr. Holloway of the Commonwealth Industries Association (July 26) produces EEC statistics to show that the Community economies (and presumably earnings) slightly less than we do. That's correct, but he misses the point.

The point is the existing and established trend of earnings. Ten years ago, or even five years ago, we earned far more than any of the Community countries. Now some of them have overtaken us and the rest are catching us up. And they ascribe their success to the working of the Community.

G. A. Piggott,
20 The Mead,
Beckenham, Kent.

EFTA-TUC common front

Sir—As one who was for some time closely associated with the European Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ECFTU) it was with particular interest that I read Lordess Oslager's article on trade unions in the EEC (July 27).

I agree with your correspondent's analysis that: (a) the so-called "Confederation" is not an effective trade union pressure group; and (b) that this is principally because some of the members are not identified with the trade union interests of their countries: for example, France, with its tiny FO, and Italy, with its uneasy CISL alliance with the dominant CGIL. The exceptions to this are of course, the DGB in West Germany and the NVV of the Netherlands.

However, despite the accuracy of the analysis it would be incorrect to infer from this that the fate of the trade union movement in an enlarged economic community would continue

to be one of "A Long Way from a Common Front."

The EFTA counterpart to the present EEC trade union organisation is the European Free Trade Area Trade Union Committee (EFTA-TUC). It is made up of representative industrial and powerful trade union centres from the U.K., Austria, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. These are not countries where the national leaders fail to reflect their members' interests. Leaders such as Woodcock, Feather and Hayday (TUC), Geller (Swedish), and the U.K. (Austrian) have played a decisive role in the setting up of an organisation representing 14m. workers.

Since its establishment in the autumn of 1968 EFTA-TUC has shown in its attitude to EEC which has for so many years inhibited the ECFTU. Issues on regional policy, incomes policy, balance of payments strategy, and the controversial question of relations with the non-democratic regime of Portugal in the consultative committee of EFTA have been thrashed out in private sessions. Concessions have been given, and concessions have been made. The end result has been a unified EFTA-TUC policy; a policy which has been adhered to. At the beginning of 1969 I was stating on behalf of the organisation that our policy towards possible entry into the EEC was one of "wait for the terms to be outlined and then decide." To the best of my knowledge no national centre deviated from this approach (despite the private disquiet expressed) until the terms were recently announced. This surely demonstrates the maturity of the EFTA-TUC trade unions.

It is not yet certain if and in what form the member countries of EFTA will align themselves with the EEC. What does seem certain, however, is that when ECFTU merges with EFTA-TUC that a common front will be established.

Ian J. Graham,
Former General Secretary,
EFTA-TUC.

New Zealand's interests

Sir—Why all this fuss about New Zealand's interests? British industries do not have free access to her markets—for instance it is practically impossible to obtain an import licence for women's shoes, although there is a duty of 27½ per cent. I believe, too, that New Zealand bought American planes in preference to British.

Bruce Roberts,
15 Grenfell Road,
Leicester.

Life offices & commission

Sir—Mr. Palamouni (July 27) has pointed out the dangers where life offices offer higher commissions than the standard rate.

There is another side to the story in that there are some life offices, including our own, which do not pay commission at all for the introduction of business. Brokers have their living to earn and we do not complain. Therefore, when they do not recommend our offices to their clients, the public should be

aware, however, that there are offices which do not pay commission, and that brokers do not cover the whole of the life assurance market.

M. E. Ogborn,
General Manager and Actuary,
The Equitable Life Assurance Society,
A. K. Tudor,
Actuary and General Manager,
London Life Association,
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Management education

Sir—It is a bit depressing to see that the references to the Survey which we prepared for the CBI/BIM on industry's requirements of the business schools are still being couched in terms of "barbaric criticisms of business schools," "mutual insult" and "the bickering which has resulted." (Michael Dixon's article of July 23). It is perhaps worth recording that we do not share this view either of the Report itself or of its effects and indeed that as far as we can tell, such a view is exceptional.

Sir John Partridge in his foreword to the Report, commented: "If it is hard-hitting it aims also to be constructive." We believe that is the spirit in which the Report, that will be shared by most people who read it carefully.

There are of course people in industry who have no good word for the schools—just as there are people in the schools who have no good word for industry—but these are (as the Report makes clear) a minority. Most of the people we talked to in industry (and it is their view that the Report portrays—and portrays successfully, to judge from the comments that have been made to us since its publication) recognise that the schools have done a good job, would like them to be stronger and more effective, and understand that this means positive effort on the part of industry as well as that of the schools.

So who is it who is doing the bickering if industry isn't? Dr. Earl in his column and our constructive letter to you of July 1 suggests that it isn't the academics and our own experience confirms this. Sir David Cluttor has made it very clear (in his letter to The Times dated July 18) that it is not the Business Graduates' Association.

There are few people who would pretend to be entirely satisfied with the existing situation.

Improving it presents difficulties and there are inevitable disagreements about what needs to be done and how to do it, but mostly we see people not "bickering," but seriously seeking to resolve these difficulties and disagreements and so to combine the respective strengths of industry and the schools into a truly effective force.

That seems to us to be a contribution to national prosperity which is really worth making, and it is a task to which we as individuals are wholeheartedly committed. Michael Dixon's support for these objectives would strengthen us greatly.

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A valid discipline

Sir—The article by Michael Dixon presents a fair analysis of the present situation and the complexities that exist in the academic world but I do not feel that the solution suggested would improve the position, in fact the injection of another level (or faculty), in the educational structure would only aggravate the position. Further, we do not hear of engineers, metallurgists, accountants, economists or, for that matter, the medical profession, suggesting that post-graduate (post experience) study be removed from the formal academic structure where it is related to research. I believe that the reverse to Michael Dixon's thesis is required, that is for Universities and other establishments of higher education to accept that management is a valid discipline for basic research, and as such is just as respectable as the Arts, the Sciences and the Humanities.

No less do I believe that management education in its present form has been "oversold"—in another publication it was recently stated "More and more British businessmen are waging an insidious war on the computer—delete 'computer' and insert 'management education.'" This is not surprising as the sales techniques and gimmickery have been very similar to those of computers and management education. Both have been oversold in many directions.

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Mendelssohn and Mahler

by GILLIAN WIDDICOMBE

The Prunus of the present often suggest that Sir William Glock has a dab hand for word puzzles. Tuesday's programme, also broadcast as usual on Radio 3, suggested he had played with the letter M for he came up with Mozart's Symphony 21, Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto), Mahler (Lied von der Erde), and the Misses Milanova and Minton. In the circumstances I may as well follow suit with the reminiscence that it made no more than a middling front.

Mendelssohn is arguably the most tantalising of all dead composers. At least with the Chalkovsky the fiddler either has or lacks the technical vitality to cope. With the Brahms, the basic ingredient is with the Schubert, but with the Sibelius, and there is a wide choice of promise from which to approach the Beethoven.

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Whereas the Mendelssohn, easier to approach and to play than the rest, only really comes to focus when touched with the most elusive musical quality—elegance—something that Pinchas Zukerman, who gave a superb performance with the NPO at the Festival Hall a few weeks ago, ed by the yard. Every line, every note, no matter how lightly touched, is there, and it is elegantly tailored; and the concert assumed an effortless quality that is inherent but seldom heard.

The Bulgarian violinist Stojka Milanova is a totally different kind of player. She is Oistrakh-Zukerman's Milstein (his commission is not quite accurate but enough to serve); it is not merely that she studied at length in Oistrakh, but that her tone is that broad satiny quality, her phrasing that same romantic

The Tilted Scales

by B. A. YOUNG

Jerry Cecil always has two things going for him—his acuity for accurate and entertaining, though sometimes disingenuous, dialogue, and his baring in the representation of processes of the law. He also has his usual thing going against him, his inability to frame his views inside the conventional bounds of the theatre.

From 1 comes down well in our of *The Tilted Scales*, and a 3 is copied with better than all, though there are two short pieces in the first act that have incorporated into a comprehensive scene, in 2 is the one that seems to be taken a bit of a hashing time. I pass over with no more than a frown the fact that accused in the case has been by the judge to be held in custody for seven days until a paid a £1,000 fine for contempt of court, yet is at once to go after the verdict. But the question arises there, even if it were legal, can really believe in the or hocus-focous practitioner learned judge in order to

The Magician

by GARRY O'CONNOR

Thomas Mann's short story, *and the Magician*, has gathered into a lively tale by Helmut Kaukonen, and makes up a very rich lunch-time offering his Stockyard Theatre production. The Magician is the Poolini, and he is introduced as a turn in lunchtime—only the most apposite view of the recent King's strip show, *Dynamite*—after Publican has cracked a few jokes and his wife had a number 4 la Vera olini's act makes up the Mann's economy in the true magic routine a commentary and an implicit that puts it on the level of hoppenbauer's discussion of the not only remarkable but also highly-flavoured, see Paolini bending the les in his audience in his faithfully served by the clerk in his mathematical latitudes; then crushing the nt rebel who has written or to the People for n's demonstration of extra rly powers.

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Kullervo, a large-scale work for voices and orchestra in five movements, variously described as symphony and symphonic poem, was written when Sibelius was 26. Though it was a success at its first performance, Sibelius refused to have it played again during his lifetime. He made one exception. The third movement, "Kullervo and his sister," was given in 1895 at some celebrations connected with the Kullervo. Not long before he died in 1957, he re-arranged the last section of this movement for the bass Kim Borg, as "Kullervo's Lament." The first modern performance of the complete work came in 1958. It has since been edited by Paavo Berglund, who made use of Sibelius's revisions transposed back to the original key. Berglund gave the first performance of Kullervo outside Finland, in Bournemouth and London, last November. Hence this HMV recording, a most desirable addition to the catalogue.

Sibelius wrote Kullervo in a hurry, to meet a deadline. If there had been time to rewrite parts of it at leisure he might have relented. But he was at the beginning of his creative period. Other works were knocking at the door. The best of Kullervo is its powerful originality. The score is peppered with Sibelian fingerprints. There are also, not unnaturally, reminiscences of other composers, and things in the orchestral movements that he would have done better later when his normal procedures had crystallized. Yet the work is so good to enjoy. The sweep of the majestic opening tune is irresistible, there are charming things in the intermezzo-like second movement; the fourth is a rousing battle piece.

Yet what makes the work really worth having are the third and fifth movements, where Sibelius explores a territory to which he was only to return in one major work, the strange and wonderful tone-poem for soprano and orchestra, *Lemminkäinen*. Kullervo is a hero of the Kalevala epic, who seduces his own sister before he is aware of her identity, is consumed with remorse and eventually returns to the site of the deed to kill himself. Sibelius uses male-voice choir in a bleak unison or primitive harmony with nature and baritone soloists in the third movement to impersonate the hero and his sister. The surprise comes in the forcefulness and suppleness of his vocal writing. If he had persevered, the Finnish

The Wing

by CHARLES LEWSEN

The improvisational theatre movement, which began in Chicago in the early fifties and spawned Mike Nichols, Elaine May and Shelley Berman, was training ground for Alan Arkin and George Segal and for a lot of the comedians now working in American television; it has also had considerable influence on the American theatre. It represents something more than the overthrow of the writer or the affirmation of the group as creator; it springs from the belief that theatre must grow from the immediate pre-occupation of the audience.

The San Francisco Wing, performing at 10.30 each night in the Royal Court's Theatre Upstairs until Saturday, is twice the size of most such companies; however, its lack of defined social or moral viewpoint. However, the players are united in an extremely agreeable address towards their audience, their subjects and each other. They seem happier with words than with a more traditional theatre, their tendency to step in and save any scene that appeared to be in danger, so that character and situation had little chance to develop. The heat of the extended pieces was set in a bath: a contest between

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McIntyre and later Thomas Stewart; Strauss by Rosenkranz (Jurinae, Lucia Popp, Brigitta Fassbender and then Troyanos, Langdon, conductor Krips) and Elektra (Nilsson, conductor Solti), with Ariadne, Die schweigsame Frau and Capriccio, as the likely programme of the Munich visit. Gwyneth Jones sings Tosca (with Raimondi), Nabucco (side again), the new *Figaro* (Reri Grist, Kiri Te Kanawa, Evans, Brann), the new Nabucco (Sollitts, Glinson) and Otello (Joan Carlvio, Vickers, Paskalis). In general, we are promised a season, an unusually rich season of worthwhile operas, well cast and the old productions are enlivened by

repertory is completed by two Mozart, *Figaro* and *Così fan tutte* (conductor Raymond Leppard), and revivals of *Pelléas* (the original cast, again under Boulez), *Orfeo* (Verrett), *Jenufa* (Marle Hayward, Shuard), and *Eugene Onegin* (same cast, conductor Atherton).

In general terms, Mr. Davis spoke of his hope to produce at least one new opera each season; to achieve, at some later date, a week of "Prom" performances; and to follow up the success of the *Trojan* and *Midsummer Marriage* albums with more Covent Garden recordings produced by Philips.

A.P.

Stanley Morison

by VICTOR CLARK

"Uncle Stan, stop talking through your big black hat!" The remark was made by Allen Hutt in the late 1930s during a discussion with Stanley Morison and Eric Gill at the Monotype offices, Fetter Lane.

They were talking about the activities of the left-wing during the Spanish war but Stan, week two events brought Hutt's remark to mind and raised the question whether it might not apply to the broader canvas of Morison's life work in typography.

The first event was the opening of a stylized printed exhibition at the British Museum in tribute to Stanley (Ignatius) Morison (1889-1967) an orthodox typographical consultant; the second publication of James Morison's book, *Stanley Morison: His Typographical Achievement* (Lund Humphries, £5.25, 184 pages). The latter is a searching critical of some of Morison's claims to fame.

Morison recalls Morison's modest origins, his early and unhappy experience in the City as a bank clerk; his encounter with the Farm Street Jesuits—who not only converted him but induced an evangelistic passion for finely printed liturgical books—his brief and unhappy marriage; his wartime resistance—resistance that is to be conscripted in 1914 which landed him in Wakefield Jail. And much more besides.

Both exhibition and book leave one with the feeling that there was probably a good deal of myth as well as a good deal of genuine insight about Morison. Many will say who was what was his contribution since he was not widely known outside publishing and printing circles.

The exhibition catalogue tells us that he was "a many sided person, the most versatile, influential Englishman of his generation" and that his most important contribution was "to the appearance of the printed page."

Fairly or unfairly he is remembered to-day as the inspiration behind the design of Times New Roman typefaces; for advising the Monotype Corporation to adopt a progressive policy by a cautious yellow school of demand which made them world leaders in the field; for being typographical consultant to The Cambridge University Press and to The Times newspaper and one-time editor of the TLS. The list goes on.

He also persuaded the Financial Times, the Daily Worker, Reynolds News, the Daily Express, The Times and the Daily Herald that they needed Morison designed titles. The pre-war Victor Gollancz book, *Stanley Morison's work*. He argued that covers should do a point-of-sale selling job by discussing the contents on the front in violent black and red typography set against a massive yellow background. Morison knew how when in distinguish between the aesthetic and the hard sell argument. Gollancz's submission, objected but sales figures proved Morison right.

He wrote over 170 books, articles and leaflets and his influence spread internationally. This was surprising since in the strict sense he was neither a poet, a philosopher, a letter designer nor a trained scholar. Whether an impresario or catalyst he often brought printing managements, fine artists and craftsmen into fruitful contact with one another. Interest in Morison's influence, now re-kindled, is in itself a reminder that, in his time, he was one of the long stars in the black firmament of British commercial printing, at the beginning of the renaissance of the letter. Morison's professional progress phase by phase and includes even the famous, black hat. It closes on October 3.

Singhalese, Czechs and Koreans

at Sadler's Wells Theatre

The Chitrasena Dance Company of Ceylon in exotic rhythms and dances will be presented in its first-ever London season at Sadler's Wells Theatre from Tuesday, August 10, to Saturday, August 21.

Jiri Smec's Black Theatre of Prague returns to Sadler's Wells Theatre in a two-week season on August 23, when it begins its third successive annual visit. The opening production will be the week only, September 11. The company, created in 1962, is making its European debut this summer.

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Farming
and Raw
MaterialsPlan for cut
in potato
plantings

By Our Commodities Staff

THE ACREAGE planted to potatoes in 1972 will be cut to a target of 525,000 acres, compared with 560,000 acres this year, the Potato Marketing Board has announced.

This decision to cut plantings will further be agreed between the Board, the Government and the National Farmers' Union. It reflects the increase in the yield per acre obtained by growers in recent years.

1972 to be another quota year, with growers permitted to plant only 87 per cent of the basic acreage, but this mesos the 1972 basic acreage has been lowered in accordance with plantings recalculated for the period 1968-70.

Big problems
for Cuban
nickel

HAVANA, July 28. CUBA'S nickel industry was facing production problems due to outdated equipment, Prime Minister Fidel Castro said here, reports Reuter.

Nickel is Cuba's second most valuable export, next to sugar, and Dr. Castro has said that nickel production is being limited because the technical resources for modernising equipment are not easily within the country's reach.

Recently, Le Nickel, the French producer acting as sales agent for Cuba, decided not to renew its sales contract.

Cadmium
cheaper

Further easing was noted today in the London Free Cadmium prices. Ingots were indicated around \$1.29 to \$1.33 per lb. c.i.f., a drop of three cents. A number of deals were reported at the lower levels.

The cut in the U.S. producer price to \$1.5 per lb. from \$1.55 has made it more difficult to sell to that market, sources said.

Bid to cancel South
Africa sugar quota
to U.S. defeated

BY OUR COMMODITIES STAFF

A STRONG bid to remove South Africa's sugar export quota to the U.S. was defeated in the U.S. Senate last night by 54 votes to 42, reports Reuter from Washington.

An amendment to the Bill fixing the U.S. sugar import quotas, eliminating South Africa's quota of 57,745 tons and reallocating it to U.S. sugar producers, backed by Senator Edward Kennedy and Fred Harris was lost, despite earlier reports that the amended resolution might well win a majority vote.

On Tuesday an amendment to reduce South Africa's quota to 10,000 tons was defeated by only 45 votes to 45, and it was thought that the switch to giving the South African quota to domestic producers would win the amendment by at least two Senators from U.S. sugar-producing states. But in the event the plan misfired.

Earlier a new effort was being made by Senator Kennedy and other Democrats to represent a more serious threat to South Africa. Whereas the original amendment was intended to redistribute South Africa's 57,745 tons quota to favour of Black

African countries, a new amendment has been proposed which will distribute the quota to American domestic sugar producers.

Emotional debate

Reports from Washington yesterday suggested that the new amendment might command sufficient extra support to tip the balance in favour of acceptance. Senator Kennedy's original proposal was defeated by only 47 votes to 45 after an emotional nine-hour debate. At least two Senators from U.S. sugar-producing states voted against, but they are expected to come under pressure to support the revised measure, which would obviously benefit U.S. sugar producers.

Senator Long, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, repeatedly contended that South Africa was granted her quota because of past good performance in helping meet America's sugar needs "in good times as well as bad."

Senator Kennedy, in one of the strongest attacks on South Africa ever heard in the Senate, declared that there was no economic justification for the continuation of "this annual subsidy to a nation that intensified a repugnant system of indignities and human repression."

Australian wool
freight rate frozen

BY OUR COMMODITIES STAFF

THERE is to be no increase in the freight rates for Australian wool shipped to Britain and the Continent in the 1971-72 season, it was announced yesterday.

This was agreed at a meeting in London between the Wool Commodity Group, comprising representatives of the Australian and European wool industry interests and the Australia-Europe Conference shipping lines.

The decision, which represents a considerable concession by the shipping lines faced by a sharp rise in costs, was taken after consideration of the present plight of the Australian wool industry with auction prices in the 1970-71 season falling to the lowest level for 20 years.

At the same time it was agreed that both the wool industry and the shippers would co-operate in seeking ways to cut the cost in the movement of wool.

Milk sales
down in
June

By Our Commodities Editor

MILK SALES in England and Wales came down with something of a bump in June, according to the Milk Marketing Board's latest figures.

These show that just under 119m. gallons was sold for liquid consumption in June, compared with nearly 125m. gallons in May and 121.5m. gallons in June last year.

The reduction is particularly disappointing for the Milk Board in view of the sharp rise recorded in May by approaching 6m. gallons compared with April which traditionally is an excellent month for the virtual cessation of welfare milk on April 1. Possibly the effect was delayed, while another probable reason for the decline was that the Spring Bank Holiday—traditionally an occasion when milk sales suffer—spilled over into June.

Milk sold off farms in England and Wales in June totalled an estimated 214.7m. gallons, compared with 206.7m. gallons in June 1970 and the very high figure of 238.6m. gallons in May, the month when production is at its seasonal peak.

Small hitch in
U.S. copper
settlement

SALT LAKE CITY, July 28.

THE INTERNATIONAL Brotherhood of Operating Engineers No. 3 at its membership meeting yesterday rejected the tentative labour agreement reached between Kennecott Copper Company and the union negotiators, reports Reuter.

A Kennecott spokesman also said the company is meeting this afternoon with the union negotiators on the proposed deal, but that work rules was the primary reason for the rejection. The local comprises about 421 members.

Kennecott spokesman also noted that yesterday 18 of the 19 locals representing 80 per cent of the union workers at the Utah mining division, had ratified the new three-year contract agreement.

The company said that the remaining two locals at the Utah division, the United Transportation Union and the International Association of Machinists, meet today for ratification.

The unions at Kennecott's Nevada mines division ratified the new labour contract yesterday, said a Kennecott spokesman in New York.

It is also rumoured that Phelps Dodge, another major producer, has renewed a tentative agreement.

ITALIAN HORTICULTURE AND EEC

Planting a European garden

BY JOHN EDWARDS, RECENTLY IN ITALY

SITTING in an Italian cherry orchard, with the trees heavy with fruit and the sun beating down, is not the best place to assess the economic consequences for U.K. growers if Britain joins the Common Market. Indeed, but for the hot sun and rather more elegant architecture, one could well mistake much of northern Italy for the English countryside. However, dry and dusty it may be in the south, the Po valley region in Northern Italy has plenty of water and rain—the peach trees have to be protected against hailstorms in some areas. It is from this fertile area that the severest competition to British horticulture will come.

For the average Italian fruit grower the EEC is a fact of life, and not a subject of great interest any longer, although one politically emotional flower grower described the Common Market as the barrier against barbarism. But the possible entry of Britain into the EEC did raise a spark of interest, and indeed some enthusiasm, noticeable among apple and pear growers.

Quota removal

Of greatest importance to them in the short term is the removal of the present British import quotas on "winter" apples and pears that strictly limit the amount of fruit that can be bought from countries outside the sterling area.

Last year it is estimated Italy and France between them had to dispose of more apples as surplus than the whole of the U.K. could absorb. It is also why the opening of a major new market to help shift some of this huge surplus is viewed with delight by Italian growers and considerable apprehension by the British.

But even above what apple and pear growers in Italy may gain from Britain joining the Common Market, there is the

overall Italian ambition to become truly the "garden of Europe" for fruit, vegetables and flowers.

Italy has many natural advantages over the EEC fellow members for horticulture—the most important one being a climate that is ideal for growing many crops that cannot be grown on any large scale in more northern countries receiving less sunshine.

The addition of adequate water supplies and rich soil in the northern Italy makes it an ideal area for fruit and vegetable growing areas in the world. It follows, therefore, that if the most efficient growing and marketing methods, such as those used by the less fortunate growers in the EEC, are applied in Italy, the potential scope for expansion is enormous.

Travelling through Northern Italy it is obvious that there is plenty of enthusiasm, and a long tradition, for horticulture. Every area possible, even to the very smallest plots, seems to be covered with plants of some kind or another. However, although there are some very good and efficient growing units, using up-to-date methods and equipment, more often in an ingenious way, there are also a great many small, uneconomic growers.

But the Italians are in the middle of a tremendous struggle to reorganise and revolutionise their whole agriculture structure into more efficient lines so that it can keep pace with the growth in the industrial sector.

The basic objectives (like the Mansholt Plan for the entire EEC agricultural sector) is to make the most of natural resources by intensifying production methods, encouraging the emergence of larger units to replace the small uneconomic family holdings, and creating producer co-operatives for improving the marketing of produce.

The sums involved in this mammoth task are enormous. Under

the First "Green" Plan from 1960-65, the total allocation of planned expenditure was over £20,000m. (some £415m.) while under the second Green Plan from 1965-70, which has now been extended for two years, the planned expenditure was £30,000m. (some £415m.).

On basic purpose of this attempted modernisation of agriculture, especially in the south, is to stem the flow of workers from the land to the better-paid industrial jobs in the overcrowded cities. But already a shortage of labour, particularly in North Italy, is forcing mechanisation in horticulture and the wages paid to workers are well in line with, or indeed above, those paid by many British growers.

Another important aspect, however, is that the Italian fruit and vegetable industry has to a large extent been built up on exports and is, therefore, a valuable source of foreign exchange for the country.

West Germany is the biggest single market, but already Italian sales of fruit and vegetables to Britain are considerable. For example, it is estimated that during the summer months of July, August and September, Italy provides some 40 per cent of the fruit eaten in the U.K. Peaches, for example, are one of the best known fruits supplied, but there are many others from red peppers to oranges and lemons which cannot be produced properly in Britain because of climatic conditions.

But the Italians were at pains to emphasise that an increase in trade with Britain could well be a two-way business. British livestock, meat and eggs, for example, could be very competitive with the less developed Italian production, and U.K. barley might be a substitute for some of the large quantities of maize imported.

As to the increasing amount of Italian assistance being given to Italian agriculture, the advice to British growers was "get a Green Plan of your own."

Butchers attack
charge rise

INCREASES of up to 50 per cent in the maximum charges for meat inspection announced yesterday, brought sharp criticism from butchers.

The charges, which local authorities can make on butchers go up on August 16 from 12p to 18p for beef animals, from 3p to 5p for calves and pigs, and from 2p to 4p for sheep and lambs. This is the first increase to the rates since the changes were introduced in 1965.

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Surprise rise in
Canada newsprint

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

MONTREAL, July 28.

PRICE CO., the major Quebec producer, surprised the Eastern Canada newsprint industry today by posting an 88-100 price increase effective November 1 in the U.S. Eastern market. It was the first company to follow the Canadian Association of Newsprint Producers' (CANAP) lead in the U.S. market west of the Rockies with effect from November 1.

Industry sources were sceptical of the Price Co. move because of overcapacity in Eastern Canada newsprint and did not expect the full amount to stick. There was no immediate comment from other Canadian companies.

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GHANA COCOA
GROWERS' RETURN
UNCHANGED

ACCRA, July 28.

Florence Mositer Joseph Mensah said in his Budget speech that the State Cocoa Marketing Board would continue to pay farmers eight new cedis for a 60 lb load despite a decline in world cocoa prices.

The Minister announced a Government mass-praying programme to eradicate pests. Total Government expenditure on cocoa during the current financial year is estimated at 12m. new cedis—40 per cent of the Agricultural Ministry's Budget, Reuter.

COMMODITY MARKET REPORTS AND PRICES

BASE METALS

COPPER—Up again on the London Metal Exchange. Short covering and stop-loss buying was coupled with a reluctance on the part of sellers because of a possible rise in U.S. producer prices when the outstanding strikes are settled. Forward metal traded up to \$46 1/2 before closing at \$46 1/2 on the late Reuter. Turnover included a large amount of carries, 15,750 metric tons.

Henry Gardner and Co. reported that in the morning, wirebar cash traded at \$1.28 1/2, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 150, 155, 160, 165, 170, 175, 180, 185, 190, 195, 200, 205, 210, 215, 220, 225, 230, 235, 240, 245, 250, 255, 260, 265, 270, 275, 280, 285, 290, 295, 300, 305, 310, 315, 320, 325, 330, 335, 340, 345, 350, 355, 360, 365, 370, 375, 380, 385, 390, 395, 400, 405, 410, 415, 420, 425, 430, 435, 440, 445, 450, 455, 460, 465, 470, 475, 480, 485, 490, 495, 500, 505, 510, 515, 520, 525, 530, 535, 540, 545, 550, 555, 560, 565, 570, 575, 580, 585, 590, 595, 600, 605, 610, 615, 620, 625, 630, 635, 640, 645, 650, 655, 660, 665, 670, 675, 680, 685, 690, 695, 700, 705, 710, 715, 720, 725, 730, 735, 740, 745, 750, 755, 760, 765, 770, 775, 780, 785, 790, 795, 800, 805, 810, 815, 820, 825, 830, 835, 840, 845, 850, 855, 860, 865, 870, 875, 880, 885, 890, 895, 900, 905, 910, 915, 920, 925, 930, 935, 940, 945, 950, 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American News

Steel chief warns of import situation

By Nicholas Colchester

NEW YORK, July 28. ANNOUCEMENT of almost doubled profits by Bethlehem Steels, reports of similar progress by other steel companies, and the reaction to yesterday's surprising dividend cut by U.S. Steel, the nation's largest producer, made Steel stocks the focus of attention on the New York Stock Exchange this morning. Matching those of U.S. Steel, Bethlehem's net earnings for the second quarter rose from 59 cents to \$1.08 a share on sales that were up from \$757m. to \$1,009m.

Rebelling the statements of the chairman of U.S. Steel, the Bethlehem chairman, Mr. Stewart Cort, said that the orders in the first half had been abnormally high due to pre-strike stockpiling (the deadline for the completion of wage negotiations expires on Sunday) and that the reduction of these accumulated stocks would affect the profits of Bethlehem and the rest of the steel industry over the rest of the year.

Following U.S. Steel's argument further, Mr. Cort described his deep worry at the import situation, maintaining that it was "vital for the welfare of our industry and the nation's economy" to secure an extension of the voluntary import restraints that have sheltered the U.S. steel industry for the last two years.

Wheeling-Pittsburgh, a smaller steel company that has come into the limelight because of the early date at which it started to shut down its plants in anticipation of a strike, today reported second quarter earnings up from 3 cents a share to no less than 212. Its income for the first half was up even more substantially from 7 cents a share to 324, although the low figure for the first half of 1970 was apparently due to Preferred dividend requirements.

With the hedge buying period almost over, it is apparent that it has not brought the steel industry quite the boom producers would have liked, and that steel shipments have been disappointing, and August looks like being a disastrous month.

Tension growing between White House and the Fed

BY JOHN GRAHAM, U.S. EDITOR

A NEW twist to an old story started Washington this morning when President Nixon was reported to be considering stripping the Federal Reserve of its traditional independence.

The report said he was seriously considering two changes: First, a doubling of the size of the Federal Reserve Board from the present level of seven members, and second, bringing the Federal Reserve within the executive branch of the Government, that is, under White House control.

The news agency story clearly did not come from the Federal Reserve or from the Treasury, which is even at this very moment having some difficulty with a financing issue and needs all the help it can get from the Fed. It came from inside the White House, though the high Administration sources quoted have not yet been identified.

The official White House spokesman said that he did not think the President was giving any consideration to the measures mentioned. He did not believe that the President had discussed a reorganisation of the Fed at all.

The fact remains that the original source in the White House deliberately leaked the story, and claimed that many of the President's senior advisers agreed with it. He went so far as to say that the White House was studying actual legislation.

That things have got to such a pitch—even though there may be no substance whatever to the story—shows that relations between the White House and the Federal Reserve have deteriorated considerably. Dr. Burns need to be one of President Nixon's most trusted advisers; the President's men

WASHINGTON, July 28.

In the White House would not be making trouble like this unless the temperature had cooled.

The primary cause of friction between the two institutions is that Dr. Burns is more and more convinced that a wages and prices policy is needed, and that there can be little if any progress against inflation without one. He has tended towards this belief for a long time, but has this month spoken more forcibly than before.

Whether Mr. Nixon may in time wish to curb the Fed's relative freedom or not, there is no possibility whatsoever of getting such legislation passed during his present term, if indeed at all. Any such attempt by the White House would induce a row about Government unaccounted since President Franklin Roosevelt tried to pack the Supreme Court, and failed.

Success for Lockheed Bill

BY GUY DE JONQUIERES

LOCKHEED supporters won one round of the struggle over the proposal to grant the company \$250m. in loan guarantees when the Senate defeated a potentially obstructive manoeuvre by opponents. But they narrowly lost another skirmish, when a motion to cut short debate on the legislation was rejected for the second time.

The upshot is that Lockheed now seems likely to get its loan guarantee automatically once Congress passes broad legislation establishing a \$2,000m. assistance fund for financially troubled companies. But it is still uncertain when this will be and there is no end in sight to the filibustering tactics being used by opponents to keep the legislation from a vote in the Senate until after Congress recesses on August 8.

The supporters' victory was the defeat, by 60-35, of an amendment introduced by Sen. Adlai Stevenson which would have subjected the specific Lockheed proposal to Congressional scrutiny. This key amendment was designed to plug a loophole in the Senate bill which denies Congress the right to veto any loan guarantee application filed before October 1. This loophole was included by Lockheed supporters in the hope that the broad assistance legislation would be approved before that date and that the company would thus receive assistance automatically.

It is still possible that the opposition may succeed in delaying a vote on the legislation in

the Senate until Congress returns from its recess in September and even, conceivably, until after October 1.

But while the defeat of the "cloture motion," designed to limit debate to 100 hours, is a setback to the legislation, Lockheed supporters drew some encouragement from a significant shift in the voting figures—39 to 39.

In order to carry, a cloture motion must be approved by a

two-thirds vote. To-day's attempt was, therefore, only seven votes short of success and came considerably closer to its target than an earlier attempt on Monday, which was defeated by 47 to 42. This suggests that sentiment in the Senate is moving towards cutting off debate and forcing the issue to a vote. It is expected that Lockheed supporters will make another attempt to enforce cloture either later this or early next week.

Trudeau studies controls

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

TORONTO, July 28.

THE FEDERAL Government may have to consider ways of injecting the public interest into private wage bargaining and of curbing the quasi-monopoly powers of big unions and big industry. Prime Minister Mr. Pierre Trudeau told a press conference last night.

He said the Government more and more was coming to realise "that when people sit down to bargain, whether it is professionals and their clients, unions and their employers, civil servants and their governments, there really is a public interest at stake."

Mr. Trudeau indicated that the Government was not averse to experimenting in the field of private sector wage and salary bargaining nor had it any great reluctance to initiate curbs on bla-

zantly excessive use of quasi-monopoly power. But he dismissed the possibility of the Government imposing mandatory wage and price controls unless Canada had inflation of crisis proportions.

In a general review of the economy he said it was on the upswing although Canada was caught "in a psychology of depressed times."

Mr. Trudeau left a possibility of an election before the end of this year, but he did not plan one until next year unless a special situation arose. He indicated that the Government's foreign ownership rules will not be announced until late September at the earliest. The Cabinet still was studying the task force report on foreign ownership of Canadian business and industry, he said.

CABLE TELEVISION

Hooked onto multimillions

BY JUREK MARTIN, NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT

FOR ALL the ideological trumpeting about its being the great bastion of free enterprise, the U.S. is a widely regulated country. Its commercial and business affairs are subject to the jurisdiction of countless Federal, State and local agencies; the control exercised by many of these bodies may well leave a lot to be desired, but the regulatory framework is quite formidable. At the Federal level, there is a Power Commission, a Trade Commission, an Interstate Commerce Commission, a Securities and Exchange Commission, a Maritime Commission, a Communications Commission, a Civil Aeronautics Board and the list is endless.

For this very simple reason alone, it is inevitable that the emerging cable television industry in the U.S. should face regulation sooner or later. Indeed, though still small in comparison with the conventional TV networks who provide the bulk of programmes for the 85m. TV sets in 60m. homes, CATV is probably already large enough to be placed under some form of regulatory umbrella.

Kickbacks

An up-to-date count of the number of CATV subscribers in the country is almost impossible to obtain since new franchises are being granted almost every day, but recent estimates suggest that about 2,750 individual franchises are already supplying cable viewing to something like 5m. homes. It is entirely possible that in the course of the next few years the number of the nation's TV sets will be hooked up to a cable system. At a current installation cost of, at a very rough average, \$300 per subscriber (each subscriber paying between \$5 and \$6 a month for the privilege), it is already a multi-million dollar industry, if still a very fragmented one.

Regulation is, in fact, quite necessary. The awarding of CATV franchises, often amounting to 20- to 100-year non-competitive licences, is a notoriously dirty business, far too often involving graft and kickbacks to local officials. There

is already one major bribery case in front of the courts.

Nevertheless, in the long run the need to get some sense of proportion into the awarding of cable franchises is secondary in importance to the fundamental consideration of the conditions under which CATV systems are to be operated. The Federal Communications Commission does have the power to tell conventional television and radio stations what they may and may not do. Licences to run a TV station may be taken away from those who violate certain cardinal FCC creeds—such as the fairness doctrine, providing equal time for the expression of opposing opinions and so forth.

At the moment no such sword hangs over the head of a CATV operator. At the present stage of the game it does not matter too much since most CATV systems content themselves with bringing established TV stations into the home with better reception. But the future importance of CATV lies in its ability to use all the spare channel capacity it now carries. The FCC has already directed all CATV systems with more than 3,500 subscribers to provide original programmes (and this also allowed them to carry advertising). In theory, this is precisely what the more ambitious CATV operators want. Their only form of income at the moment is derived from the monthly fees of their subscribers, which, in the early years, do not even cover the cost of putting up a system.

Few cable companies, therefore, make much money at the moment. They start coining it when public and private groups pay to use their channel facilities. Theoretically, this opens the possibility of great social benefit and profits at the same time. Minority and educational programming, both sorely neglected by the commercial networks, could be provided at relatively low cost at local level. Local business interests, unable to afford commercial TV time, could find it cheaper to use cable channels. The two-way capability that Rediffusion International is developing on Cape Cod (outlined in the article of July 19) has even wider potential. The

U.S. could indeed in a few years become a nation wired for pictures, just as it is now wired by telephone for sound, and anybody in on the ground floor, to wit, the cable television companies, could be in a position to benefit hugely.

Two immediate problems present themselves. The first is that public and private groups have so far been slow to come forward and ask to use CATV channels. The revenue bonanza, therefore, has not been forthcoming. The two Manhattan cable operators, for example, do provide their own channels for viewers, most CATV operators have no special desire to get into the business of broadcasting per se, since their prime job is to provide the facilities. The second problem is somewhat in contradiction to the first: it stems from the legal issue of who should be responsible for the content of the local programming appearing on CATV. Should the operator be liable for the consequences of defamatory statements expressed by those using his facilities? Given the proclivity of Americans to sue, and for vast amounts, this is no idle issue. But if the operator does seek to control the content of what goes over his channels, would this not make him like all the current operators of American TV stations, afraid to offend and unwilling to experiment with what ought to be a new and vital means of reaching people who are not now reached? These are still undecided issues.

There is one solution that could help solve many of CATV's problems, though whether it is the right one is a matter of intense debate. This would be to classify the CATV industry, like the telephone, as "a common carrier," or, in effect, a public utility. If this were to happen—and the FCC will give some hint of its thinking on this within the next few weeks—the rates that CATV operators could charge for the use of their facilities would be regulated, as would the return they could make on their investments. Their services would be open to all and they would exercise no discretion over the service that goes

over their wires. They would be obliged to maintain certain minimum standards and would not be permitted to do what critics of the broadcast industry allege it has done: grow rich by providing service only to communities where high profit beckon.

It is this prospect that is most upmost in the minds of those with stakes in cable television. These groups are numerous. There are the independent CATV operators, large and small, the telephone companies who make up the Bi system, who have tried to provide their own channels for viewers, most CATV operators have no special desire to get into the business of broadcasting per se, since their prime job is to provide the facilities. The second problem is somewhat in contradiction to the first: it stems from the legal issue of who should be responsible for the content of the local programming appearing on CATV. Should the operator be liable for the consequences of defamatory statements expressed by those using his facilities? Given the proclivity of Americans to sue, and for vast amounts, this is no idle issue. But if the operator does seek to control the content of what goes over his channels, would this not make him like all the current operators of American TV stations, afraid to offend and unwilling to experiment with what ought to be a new and vital means of reaching people who are not now reached? These are still undecided issues.

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PORTER NAMED TO VIETNAM POST

WASHINGTON, July 28.

PRESIDENT Nixon today formally named Mr. William J. Porter as the new chief U.S. delegate at the Paris peace talks.

Mr. Porter, now the U.S. ambassador to South Korea, replaces Mr. David Bruce.

Venezuela gas plants

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT plans for two liquid natural gas projects, at Puerto la Cruz and Lake Maracaibo, should be completed by the end of this year, a Venezuelan embassy official said yesterday. The Government is currently costing the plans, involving construction of two new liquid gas production plants and considering the award of construction contracts, the spokesman said.

CUBA NICKEL INDUSTRY

HAVANA, July 28.

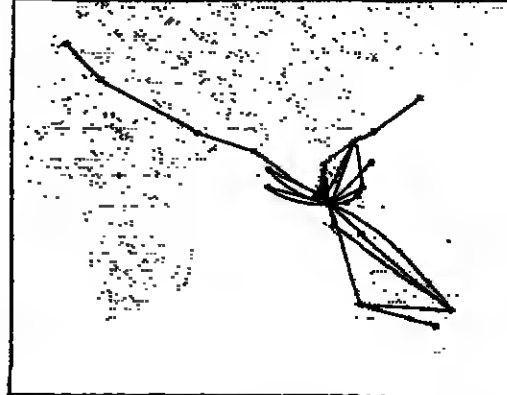
PRIME MINISTER Fidel Castro said here Cuba's nickel industry was facing problems due to outdated equipment. Nickel, Cuba's second most valuable export next to sugar and Dr. Castro said nickel production was facing limitations because of technical resources for modernising equipment was not easy within the country's reach. He did not reveal this year's figure for nickel production. Reuter



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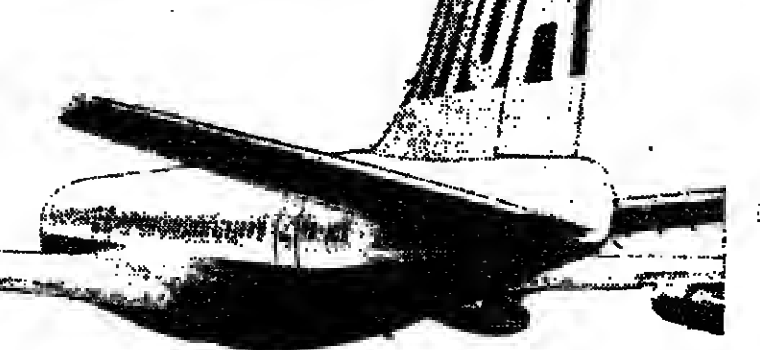
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Export
NewsCJB back
in pipeline
talks

By Richard Johns

EGYPT has invited Constructors John Brown to resume talks on participation in the Suez-Egyptian pipeline, following a virtual rupture in negotiations last week.

Last night the two company representatives, who left Cairo last Friday, were on their way back to Egypt in response to the Government's overture.

CJB is now being asked to tender for a portion of the pipeline itself, involving about 8m. worth of business. The negotiations that broke down last week were concerned with the tank farm at the Mediterranean terminal. The Egyptian Government did not meet the company's minimum requirements.

Involvement of British companies will be necessary if the Egyptian Government is to mobilise the £12m. worth of J.K. finance that the Export Credits Guarantee Department is prepared to cover. It is understood that Egypt will need the British money if it is to obtain the £235m. or so foreign exchange needed for the project. There is still a considerable shortfall in the amount secured—possibly as much as \$50m.

Other U.K. companies taking part in the negotiations are Unipol, for the housing at the loading terminal, and Motherwell Bridge, for storage tanks. Mitchell Construction has now apparently dropped out of the running.

E. European
orders for
EMI group

POLAND and Hungary have ordered over £30,000 worth of computer peripheral equipment from SE Laboratories (Engineering) Limited, an EMI subsidiary. Six type SE 104 and 1088 video display units have been ordered by the Polish buying agents, ERA, of Warsaw, for computer development work. The British equipment is to be used for editing and feeding data into small prototype computer of Polish design.

The Hungarian contract is for three SE 1088 video terminals which are being supplied to the Institute of Physics in Budapest. Another EMI company, Recording Designs, of Camberley, Surrey, will supply card readers and cassette tape at the same operation with the Polish video terminals. Other ancillary equipment will include hard copy print-out facilities provided by teletype machines.

The larger order was obtained after a Polish delegation had visited EMI stands at the IEA and Computer 70 exhibitions last year and obtained first hand experience of the SE equipment.

Irish linen

EXPORTS of Northern Ireland linen goods totalled almost £12m. last year, slightly less than in the previous year, it was stated yesterday. The U.S. continued to be the principal market, although purchases were down. However, there were significant increases in sales to a number of European countries. Italy's total rose from £175,000 in 1969 to more than £1.2m., and Belgium also bought more linen goods than in the previous year.

Four million U.K.
oysters shipped
to France

BY KEN GOFTON

SOME 4m. to 6m. young oysters, British born and bred, are being shipped to France this summer to help restock oyster beds which have been decimated by disease.

The sales represent a marketing breakthrough for the Poole Oyster Company, which was taken over by the Anglian Food Group last autumn.

For while the company had believed that there would be a ready market in the U.K. for young oysters, it had thought that it might take another five to ten years to convince the French of the viability of hatchery-reared oysters, in view of the greater predictability of the natural "spat fall" in a warmer climate.

According to Mr. Ernest Cantle, managing director of the Poole Oyster Company, and technical director of the Anglian Food Group, the demand from France is likely to be a continuing one.

Production at Poole is currently on a pilot-scale basis, but the group is now pressing ahead with plans to build a commercial hatchery in the autumn, at a cost of about £50,000. The planned capacity of this new hatchery has already been doubled, from 40m. to 80m. oysters a year.

Most of the oysters being sold

to France are of the Japanese or Pacific type, *crassostrea gigas*. These have the advantage of growing very rapidly to marketable size, but they do not breed naturally in European waters. Moreover, it is suspected that infected stock from Japan has been responsible for the spread of disease in the French oyster beds.

So anxious are the French to restock that they are buying whatever is available, and this means in many cases Poole is having to release oysters at an earlier stage than it would prefer.

"We would prefer to sell them at finger-nail size, but we are being pressed to release them much earlier, at a stage where you get 6,000 of them to the kilo," said Mr. Cantle. "Although we are stressing that the survival rate will be lower, this is a risk the customers are willing to take."

He estimated the value of export sales this year at about £6,000. If it had been possible to wait until they reached 2 gm. apiece, the value would have been more like £12,000. The oysters are shipped to France on wickerwork packed with seaweed or brine-soaked wood shavings.



Mr. Ernest Cantle, managing director of the Poole Oyster Company (right), inspects a nursery tray containing 7,000 young oysters.

BICC claims world first
with U.S. rail contract

THE EAST Erie Commercial Railroad, of Erie, Pennsylvania, has awarded a contract to British Insulated Callender's Construction Company (Balfour Beatty Group of BICC) to build what is claimed to be the world's first stretch of 50 kV overhead catenary equipment for rail electrification.

Announcing this yesterday, BICC said that the installation would be 3.4 miles long and would demonstrate the various features of the overhead catenary system. The equipment has been developed from the 25 kV system designed for British Rail. This is the first contract to emerge from three feasibility

studies which BICC announced some time ago it was carrying out for North American railway companies. The value of the order has not been revealed.

U.S. interest in rail electrification is stimulated partly by pollution considerations, but even more by economics. If the hard-pressed railway industry can be convinced that there are savings to be made by switching to electrical power, it will certainly want to make the change. A 50 kV installation is required because of the much bigger freight trains operated in the U.S.

Erie Commercial Railroad's principal track will be re-equipped for the testing of loco-

motives and high-speed transit cars by General Electric's transportation systems division at Erie. AC and DC currents will be provided for.

Installation will be supervised by BICC Construction Company and completed by the end of this year. Delivery of transit cars starts early next year, after which the line will be in constant use.

BICC Construction Company has worked closely with General Electric, which has established itself as a leader in electric traction for North American railroads, on electrification studies over the past few years. The upgrading of the test facility at Erie is a result of those efforts.

Mining 'growth
market' in
B. Columbia

Financial Times Reporter

IN URGENT British industrialists are not to ignore export prospects in the Canadian province of British Columbia, the Government magazine Trade and Industry says today.

Mr. C. C. Clemens, principal British Trade Commissioner in British Columbia, says that the Gross Provincial Product last year was estimated at over \$4,200 per head of population, well in excess of the figure for Sweden, for instance.

The market for consumer goods is broadened by the province's tourist trade. No very clear figures appear to be available of the numbers involved—the figure is put at between 2m. and 5m.—but more specific is the information that about 1m. cars entered British Columbia from the U.S. in 1969.

The province is also highly dependent on its raw materials industries, which provide an opportunity for British equipment manufacturers. Over 7,000 hosts are employed in the fishing industry. There are over 20 pulp and paper mills, and more than 30 active mines.

Mining, in fact, is considered by Mr. Clemens to be the province's most important growth industry. The resurgence of mining activities, he says, is based largely on the development of open workings on a large enough scale of permit profitable exploitation of relatively low-grade ores. This technique is being used also for coal, although some projects still at the planning stage may use underground mining techniques.

"Many of the projects depend on long-term contracts with Japanese interests. The most important of these relate to mining coal and copper concentrates, but there is important production, actual and impending, of other minerals including molybdenum, silver, cadmium, lead and zinc.

"Capital sums committed to new mining projects under way or to be planned amount to nearly \$500m., and other schemes still at a preliminary planning stage could increase total investment by a further \$500m. during the next five or six years."

Government aid
for exhibitors

DETAILS of four overseas exhibitions in which the Government is providing assistance for British participants were given yesterday by the Department of Trade and Industry.

The Department announced that it was collaborating with the Scientific Instrument Manufacturers' Association in organising a joint venture participation at a specialised exhibition in Moscow from September 28 to October 8. The exhibition is concerned with instruments for scientific research—into the strength of materials and structures, and it is expected that about 13 British companies will take part.

Next month in Sydney there will be a similar joint venture display at the International Trade Fair. The DTI is collaborating with the London Chamber of Commerce and some 16 companies are expected to be represented. They have been allocated exhibition space totalling 9,000 square feet to 10 feet 6 inches thick.

A much smaller venture will be the joint participation at the Prestressed Concrete Institute Convention and Exhibition at Los Angeles from September 19-23.

Dowty supports
for Poland

DOWTY Mining Equipment is to supply the Polish State-owned mining industry with hydraulic-powered roof supports worth, initially, £1.6m.

The order, announced yesterday, was received from Centropol, Poland's purchasing agencies, and is for a range of powered supports fitted with various types of control equipment for use in coal seams up to 10 feet 6 inches thick.

It takes Dowty export orders for mining equipment during the current year to around £5m.

"This order from Poland follows hard on our recent export successes in Czechoslovakia and other European and American countries," said Mr. Steve Hinchliff, Dowty group director and chairman of its mining companies. The order underlines our growing penetration of the Eastern European market and is the culmination of two years' hard work by all departments of the company.

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REPORT FROM SCOTLAND

BY ANDREW HARGRAVE

Ideas for profit growth

McINTOCK Moores and Murray is a management consultancy set up by a number of old-established firms of chartered accountants. Although it has grown into the largest purely Scottish-based consultancy, employing a staff of 40, over the past 13 years it has remained mostly finance and accountancy-orientated and although it half-owns a computer bureau. Yesterday it announced what amounts to a new departure: the formation of a subsidiary company, R. W. Kinnaird and Co., which will concentrate, initially at any rate, on marketing.

Clear policy

At present the staff of the new company consists of 42-year-old Robert W. Kinnaird, an engineer by training, with ten years' experience as marketing manager of a West of Scotland engineering company, and a further three as a marketing consultant. The company has a small Board comprising Mr. C. I. Buyers, managing director of McIntock Moores and Murray, who is chairman, another McIntock man, Mr. H. M. N. Hyslop, and Mr. Kinnaird himself as managing director.

Kinnaird's policy for prospective customers is clear, though the ways of achieving it are somewhat complex. It is profit growth within 12 months, based on more efficient marketing. With the present inflationary trend, management must plan for a pre-tax profit of at least 25 per cent. on capital employed. Kinnaird's own chart plotting of profit needs goes even further. On the basis of 10 per cent. annual inflation and allowing for Corporation Tax and expansion, he puts the figure at 34 per cent. to enable 75 per cent. to be distributed. Anything below 20 per cent., he considers to be an actual loss.

But how to increase profits at this not altogether common rate? Kinnaird claims to have both theoretical and practical answers which he has tested in a number of projects. In the past three years, ranging from engineering plant to paints and containers, to advertising, public relations and consultancy itself.

As a theoretical base for his fast profit-growth objective, Kinnaird constructed what he calls Strategic Focus Analysis, or SFA, for short. (It is perhaps a little unfortunate that these are the initials of the Scottish Football Association, none too popular with fans at the moment because of its dismal international record.)

Strategic focus

SFA's ingredients are measurable facts such as the manufacturer's resources, market potential, pricing and strength of competition as well as the product itself and its characteristics such as user attitudes and influences and the consequent selling and promotion problems. Integrate the lot and out comes what he calls the "marketing input." Then, by eliminating or reducing the least effective hits, such as for instance, an excessive range of products, a readiness to meet all customer requirements and quality beyond what is needed and therefore costing more to produce, the "strategic focus" emerges, pointing to certain key marketing aims and targets as well as sales and promotion methods.

Although Kinnaird claims SFA is "a new way of looking at profit

growth in the marketing area," it may not seem to be too revolutionary or even original to some. What could make it so is Kinnaird's own highly individual and imaginative approach to the subject. For as in his past work—some controversial—he mixes mechanical models, charts and theories with psychology, motivation and quality. In short, he regards his brand of consultancy—despite all the aids such as computers, mathematical models, business schools, seminars and courses—as a creative art. His

ing exporters to task. He blames the low profitability of exporting companies on "marketing myopia" which results in stalling the export effort of funds because of low returns on domestic sales. Behind this myopia, he argues, is the engineer's fascination with the excellence of his product regardless of customer, or indeed market needs—something Kinnaird knows only too well from his own Clyde-side experience. He is also working on a study of industrial salesmanship. The preliminary



Mr. R. W. Kinnaird (left) and Mr. C. I. Buyers.

charts and instructions in the form of drawings are distinguished by the ideas they contain rather than their neatness and simplicity.

Vindicated

A couple of years ago he provoked the wrath of the then Scottish Painters and Decorators' Federation with a survey which declared the majority of the Scottish contractors to be unprofitable, inefficient, wasteful in terms of both outlay and human resources, and woefully short on skilled marketing. He claims to have been triumphantly vindicated by a more recent survey carried out for the U.K. as a whole on behalf of ICI, which may well become a blueprint for future action.

Kinnaird's findings, by the way, carry an important lesson for Scotland, where winter unemployment among building tradesmen is chronically high. This, he says, could be considerably reduced by better management.

Another topic which has engaged Kinnaird's attention for some years has been industrial advertising. He has produced a survey to demolish several widely held beliefs about the most profitable use of advertisements in terms of timing, placing, frequency and their role in support of sales campaigns.

The impact of the survey surprised even Kinnaird, and he is now working on a profit improvement plan for business journals. To a third, as yet unpublished paper, Kinnaird takes engineers

results do not appear to be too encouraging.

The association with McIntock Moores and Murray will provide Kinnaird with the financial expertise and consultancy facilities he needs to plan rapid profit growth for his marketing clients. At the same time, as the head of a separate organisation, he will be able to plough his own distinctive, and at times unconventional, furrow.

Starting point

Mr. Buyers has little doubt about the potential of McIntock's new marketing subsidiary, or indeed of Kinnaird himself. He is, says Mr. Buyers, "One of the few marketing men I have met who really understands industrial marketing. He has the enthusiasm to awaken the potential which still exists in Scottish industry."

Mr. Buyers is rather scathing about the state of marketing in Scotland. "There are still too many companies struggling with problems of their own creation. Instead of taking time to consider what is the underlying purpose of their business, they have not developed a marketing attitude. They are missing the point."

In this, Kinnaird fully concurs. He has set out to discover the reason why so many companies are "missing the point," and indeed what the point is. Often what the customer really needs is rather different from what he thinks he needs, he says. Which is as good a starting point for the quest as any.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
JULY 22, 1971

The Annual General Meeting of ARNOLDO MONDADORI EDITORE S.p.A. was held in Milan on July 22, 1971, under the Chairmanship of Cav. del Lav. Giorgio Mondadori to approve the Report and the Accounts for the financial year ended March 31, 1971.

REVIEW

The Report of the Board of Directors illustrated the following facts:

- Total turnover for the year under review amounted to Lit. 70,882 million (+7.9%);
- Exports (already included in the total turnover) totalled Lit. 11,687m;
- Profits amounted to Lit. 567m;
- Industrial investments for the year under review amounted to Lit. 2,742m;
- Fixed Assets in machinery amounted to Lit. 22,615m;
- Ordinary depreciation for the current financial year totalled Lit. 1,220m. The Depreciation Fund reached Lit. 16,010m;
- Reserves shown in the Accounts at the end of the financial year were Lit. 5,286m;
- Personnel employed by the Company at March 31, 1971 numbered 5,331 (+6.8%). Total cost of personnel amounted to Lit. 21,935m. (+20%).

DIVIDEND

The Meeting approved the Report, the Balance Sheet and the plan for the distribution of profits proposed by the Board which anticipated, apart from the statutory allocation to the Legal Reserve and to the Board, the allocation to profits of Lit. 225 million from the Dividend Equalisation Fund Reserves, thus allowing the distribution of a dividend of Lit. 100 for each of the 3,675,000 ordinary shares (equal to 10 per cent of their nominal value), and a dividend of Lit. 120 for each of the 3,150,000 preference shares (equal to 12 per cent of their nominal value).

The Meeting fixed the number of members of the Board of Directors at nine and did not then make any new appointments.

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European News

UN force in Cyprus on alert

NICOSIA, July 28.

A CYPRIOT government spokesman today denied there was any threat to the calm and security of Cyprus after United Nations peace troops were put on a so-called "blue alert" last night. There were no military movements on the part of the government that could cause concern, and everything was normal the spokesman said.

A United Nations spokesman in New York said today that the UN Cyprus peace force was placed on alert last night "to forestall any possible problems" resulting from exercises by the Turkish Cypriot militia. The blue alert was the lowest of three alert priorities and had been ordered from time to time in the past, the spokesman said.

The present tension springs mainly from mutual accusations that one side or the other is planning to disrupt three-year-old talks aimed at reuniting the two communities. A session of the talks scheduled for last Monday has been postponed until August 9.

The Cyprus Government has often stressed its intention of seeking a peaceful solution to the long-standing inter-communal quarrel with the Turkish Cypriots.

But a Turkish Cypriot spokesman said last night that Turkish Cypriot military forces had been put on a footing of increased vigilance following a rise in tension.

He blamed "Greek Cypriot military movements and recent inflammatory speeches by their leaders" for the tension. He explained that Turkish outposts and sentry positions had been strengthened.

Dollar selling at record low again

By Christopher Lorenz

FRANKFURT, July 28. FOR THE SECOND day running the Bundesbank today sold dollars at a record low rate, this time between DM3.460 and DM3.4820, equivalent to a revaluation of over 5.8 per cent. Sales were generally reported to be about dollars 200m, although some dealers' estimates went as high as dollars 500m.

The pattern of today's sales was unusual in that they were made as the dollar firmed. The normal pattern is for it to weaken as soon as it becomes known that the Bundesbank is in the market. Today's demand for dollars was caused partly by end-of-month window dressing and partly by dealers having to try in order to fulfill their dollar delivery obligations under three month deals made with authorities in April. The new pattern is not expected to continue for very long.

The Bundesbank's latest weekly report, issued today, shows that in the week ending July 23 its net external reserves fell by about DM440m to N61,100m.

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Yugoslavia puts the clamp on credit and investment

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

BELGRADE, July 28.

THE FEDERAL Government today announced restrictive measures to fight inflation and the trade deficit, including investment deposits, the curbing of consumer credit, and curbing of imports. Some of the measures will be submitted to the Federal Parliament for approval tomorrow.

From July 31 until December 31, 1972, all investors will have to deposit with their banks 30 per cent. of the value of new investments not directly assisting economic growth. Exceptions are made for investments in the Kosovo Province, the least developed region of Yugoslavia, in housing and municipal construction contracts with it, as well as spending on reconstruction of property damaged by earthquakes and floods. Companies making losses are also exempted from making new investment except those already catered for by reorganisation programmes.

Durable consumer goods with an import component of over 50 per cent. as well as foreign motor-cars will no longer be sold on credit, nor will construction materials.

The National Bank has lowered from 80 to 60 per cent. the proportion of saving deposits that

commercial banks are entitled to use for consumer credits.

Yugoslavs will not, as now, be able to travel abroad on credit. Their yearly allowance of \$32 for travel abroad will remain unchanged, but they will pay the exchange rate current in major foreign markets instead of the official dinar parity.

Public sector

In order to save foreign exchange, the Federation will cut its foreign exchange exposures to the end of this year by 20 per cent., and it expects the Republics and other communities to do the same. The global foreign exchange quota in the second half of 1970 will be cut by 20 per cent., while the global quota for imports of consumer goods will be cut by 50 per cent. compared with last year. Imports of consumer goods, however, are a small proportion of total imports, consisting mainly of raw materials, components and parts for industry.

The public sector will not be allowed to import foreign cars though the private citizen will continue to enjoy that right provided he has the necessary foreign exchange and provided the importing companies export at least 35 per cent. of the value

of the cars imported. Similar provisions will apply for imports of light commercial vehicles, while applications for imports of heavy commercial vehicles will be treated more selectively than hitherto.

The National Bank has limited the volume of commercial bank credits in July, August and September to the level of those credits on June 30. However, in view of the record wheat harvest and the lack of money to buy all market surpluses, the banks are entitled until August 10, to use up to 2 per cent. of their compulsory reserves for that purpose.

Despite these severe restrictions it remains to be seen whether they will have the hoped-for stabilising effect, as they have in the past, with inflation already out of control and the trade deficit at record levels.

They could be successful if they limit inflation to 12-13 per cent. this year and prevent it from exceeding the European average next year, and if they limit the trade deficit to about \$1,000m., the largest part of which would be compensated for by invisible earnings (from tourism, remittances of workers abroad, etc.) which are expected to increase this year.

Gelsenberg consortium announces new oil find in Libya

BY CHRISTOPHER LORENZ

FRANKFURT, July 28.

GELSENBERG, the West German fuel concern, announced today that the Mobil-Gelsenberg consortium has made a new oil find in Libya. The well is at present producing only 220 tons of crude oil per day on a test basis but the consortium considers it commercially operable and has already linked it to the Sirte pipeline system.

The consortium, in which the Mobil-Gelsenberg split is 65-35, is awaiting a decision by the Libyan Government on how much it will be able to extract from the well. The new find should allow Gelsenberg to go a short way towards offsetting the effects of the production restrictions which Tripoli imposed last August.

It was largely as a result of these curbs that the German

companies' Libyan oil production was more than 25 per cent. lower in the first six months of this year than in the first half of 1970, 1.7m. tons against 2.3m. Last year the curbs reduced Gelsenberg's annual Libyan output from the 1969 level of 4.5m. tons to 4.3m.

More worry

The Libyan has been pressuring the Gelsenberg to ease the restrictions—which were apparently imposed to avoid an excessively rapid run-down of the country's oil reserves—but will not give any indication of how the talks are going.

The new find will do little to soothe the concerns of the Federal Government about

West Germany's overwhelming reliance on Middle East and North African oil supplied by non-German companies. Last year 7.5m. tons of crude were extracted at home, compared with 10.5m. tons in 1969. Half the imported oil was from Libya, and a further 12 per cent. from Saudi Arabia. The only sizeable German supplier was Gelsenberg.

This situation has caused Bonn increasing worry about the security of its oil supplies in case of emergency. Almost two years ago Deminor, an exploration consortium consisting of Gelsenberg and seven other German companies, was set up with Government support. This support has been continued, but so far no worthwhile oil finds have been made.

Britain outlines Malta deal

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

BRUSSELS, July 28.

BRITAIN today informed her NATO partners of the proposals for joint Allied contributions to the Maltese Government in return for the continuing use of military facilities on the island. The British permanent representative to the NATO HQ here, Sir Edward Peck, is understood to have outlined the two alternative formulae that could provide the basis for a new agreement.

Mr. Dom Mintoff, the Maltese Prime Minister, has indicated that he would accept an arrangement, based on the existing agreement, at a price of about £20m. a year. This would exclude all non NATO use of the military facilities.

The second alternative—a £20m. contribution—could leave the way open to some form of Soviet penetration in Malta.

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suggestion of Mr. Dom Mintoff, the Malta Prime Minister, that any new arrangement should be for a period of 15 to 20 years. While Mr. Mintoff's reported demand for at least £30m. a year is considered to be completely unrealistic by Britain, it is understood here that this figure is more than an open bid on which the Malta Government is prepared to negotiate.

Mr. Mintoff, however, is taking no chances. Contingency plans have already been drawn up by the Government to deal with the eventuality of a shut-down of British and NATO bases should no agreement be reached between the two sides.

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Political row likely in Calabria

By Peter Tumiati

ROME, July 28.

THE FIRST of three reports by British consultants on major official development projects in Calabria, which is to be published here tomorrow, is likely to cause a political row. If the other reports are as critical of official plans as the first one is understood to be it could turn into a storm.

The consultants are the Building Design Partnership BDP, commissioned by Italy's Confagricoltura, a sort of national farmers union, to assess official plans for Calabria's three non-mountainous areas.

Official plans envisage the construction of a power station in the Sybaris plain, of an international airport at Sant'Eufemia and of the State controlled IRI group's fifth fully integrated steel plant at Gioia Tauro.

The three plans are thought to be the only areas of Calabria in which a viable form of agriculture could be developed. The fund for the South has already invested large sums in this, and the Calabrians have also pinned great hopes on them for the development of tourism. The plans for the power station and the steel plant aroused considerable criticism that they would wreck all chances of agricultural and tourist development in the areas.

BDP's report, concerning Sybaris, is understood to be most unfavourable to the power station plan. It is reported to say that while the power station would only provide 200 jobs it would damage the area's chances of agriculture and tourist development. In its place the British consultants suggest the construction of Italy's first new town, the promotion of modern agricultural development, the creation of tourist facilities and of light industries such as textiles and electronics.

SOVIET UNION

Down on the State farm

BY MICHAEL SIMMONS, EAST EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENT



Farm director Leonid Fastov with his chief technician: some "complications," but profits too.

THE AVERAGE Russian eats much less than 100 lbs of meat a year. This, as the official Soviet statistics bear out, is less than almost anyone else in Eastern Europe, and considerably less than half the amount enjoyed by the average American. Thus, during a recent trip to a Soviet State farm about 40 miles out of the Ukrainian capital of Kiev, it was somewhat comforting to see a large herd of apparently well-fed cattle being led along the road—even though it did hold up progress for several minutes.

The cattle were privately owned. Many of the 600 workers on the farm in question—all described as "permanent"—in spite of a nagging drift from the land which is worrying the Ukrainian authorities—have their own plots of up to an acre on which they can grow whatever crops they can find bands on and sell for private gain. Each householder, Mr. Leonid Fastov, the farm's director, told me, can also keep one cow and one calf, and as many pigs and hens as he wishes.

The time, money and use of farm facilities granted to these small time entrepreneurs has, by State decrees, been increasing steadily. The part played by private plots in improving the quality and quantity of food available for public consumption is recognised as highly significant by the country's planners, a point which was rubbed in by the Polish rioters in December. Food prices and availability, as every Communist leader has subsequently acknowledged, triggered off the Poles' discontent.

This particular farm, named after a man called Vasiliev, a Communist, who was shot and killed during the local "struggle" to collectivise agriculture, stretches over 6,000 acres, two-thirds of which are arable. This is small for a State farm, but average for one specialising in vegetables. It is a principal supplier to the 1.6m. inhabitants of Kiev, and is this year committed to banding over some 5,500 tons of fruit and vegetables, as well as about 200 tons of meat and nearly 1,000 gallons of milk. Mr. Fastov has hopes of "overfulfilling" his agreed commitments by perhaps 10 per cent. this year.

Like so many Soviet institutions that open their doors to curious Western journalists, this

farm had an air of success about it. It came across in spite of Mr. Fastov's admission that his work was in fact "very complicated," though he would not elaborate on what sort of complications troubled him only admitting that if it came to a crunch the Kiev Party organisation would give him full support.

In 1969, Vasiliev Farm started using the reform methods of economic management introduced by Mr. Alexei Kosygin, the Soviet Prime Minister, nearly six years ago. The change, said Mr. Fastov, has made him a much happier man. It means, for one thing, that if he gets a sudden instruction to plant 200 acres of this or that crop in a hurry, he can hold out an appreciable bonus as an inducement. The grudge borne by workers carrying out remote bureaucrats' decisions is not, in other words as strong as it was in pre-reform days.

The changeover to reform came after Mr. Fastov had seen it on a neighbouring farm, had been impressed, had then applied to the appropriate Ministry for permission to adopt the new system, and had had his application granted.

Under the reform system the supervisory role of the local bank is more limited. The director does not now have to justify so many of the projects that he wants to embark on. He is

helped in his new found independence by his wife, who is the farm's accountant.

About 34 per cent. of what Mr. Fastov calls his "massively increased" net profit goes into the "material incentives" fund, and slightly more than that is ploughed back into the farm "to improve production." The remaining 20 per cent. goes into the remarkably versatile social and cultural amenities fund. This fund, amongst other things, builds or equips some of the farm's houses, as well as its kindergartens and its palace of culture. It also sends children to Pioneer (very young Communist league) camps, and pays the local expenses of a visiting theatre group if and when one comes. It even buys musical instruments for the farm's band.

The farm's workforce, whose average age is 36, swells from 600 to 800 in the busy season, when director Fastov seeks to draw on the region's pool of available students, schoolchildren, pensioners and housewives. But fewer than 200 of the regular employees are men, and these tend to be the farm's main specialists. Surprisingly, 132 are Communist Party members.

It is perhaps this high proportion of party activists which accounts for the huge changes that have been brought about on

the farm since the war. The Kiev area suffered wretchedly during the German occupation, and everything, according to Mr. Fastov, was ruined in the group. The process of re-organising the farm began with many of workers still living in dug-out Ploughshare was done by hand and for a long time amidst was the order of the day.

Indeed, an air of mystery still prevails. The director, office, though not uncomfortable, as officers go, is sparsely furnished. Its bare walls are with posters or slogans. Even Lenin's portrait, usually prominently placed in directors' offices, is conspicuous for its absence, though his works are almost everywhere. The director has only 10 telephones (I have seen several different colours, an official's desk) and does his calculating with a abacus.

He encourages his workers giving them piped folk songs through a network of loudspeakers in the trees, and takes himself with fishing or football. His success is such that he has been honoured by the State, and it says something for him, and about the Soviet system, that although he has been offered a superior administrative post in an office in Kiev, he prefers to stay where he is, enjoying, as he put it himself, "real life."

REVISE IRISH COMPANY TAXES

By Dominick J. Coyle

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Fiat fear for agreement

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

TURIN, July 28.

FIAT management are worried that the labour agreement, reached on June 19 after ten weeks of strikes and negotiations, will prove worthless in view of a resurgence of labour unrest at two key group plants. The two plants are the highly mechanised Rivalta plant near Turin and the Autobianchi plant at Desio in Milan's industrial suburbs which has been in a constant state of agitation since autumn last year.

At Rivalta, workers protested against a company decision to transfer men from the 124 coupé production line to the 128 model

line. This would have stepped up output of the 123 while cutting down on output of the 124 model, so that total output remained the same and working speed, time off and all the other working conditions agreed in the June agreement would have been met. Fiat maintained.

In a similar move Autobianchi workers decided to stop work on one vehicle in five or six on the production line in protest at what they describe as management's attempt to squeeze out more production than that justified under the newly agreed conditions.

RUSSIAN PM APPOINTED

By Michael Simmons

East European Correspondent

Mikhail S. SOLOMENTSEV, 58-year-old peasant's son who career hitherto has been mainly with the Soviet Party apparatus, has been appointed Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, the largest of the USSR 15 republics. Outside the Party his administrative experience has been largely restricted to heavy industry. Mr. Solomentsev replaces M. Gennady Voronov, a Politburo member who was demoted in Friday, probably for his written and speeches strongly critical of the Kremlin's agricultural policies.

Chadburns Holdings Ltd

Results at a glance

Years ended 31st March	1969	1970	1971
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Turnover	2,171	2,465	2,637
Profit before Tax	122	164	181
Dividends (gross)	53	53	53
Profit retained	12	33	3

The Directors are writing-off £36,560 from Debtors and Work-in-Progress in relation to the Rolls-Royce debt to the Company to allow for the worst possible outcome, although, at this time, it is impossible to assess the amount that may be recovered.

Having regard to the general situation of the Company, and to the exceptional nature of the Rolls-Royce provisions, the Directors have no hesitation in recommending a maintained annual dividend of 12½%.

All operating companies made progress, apart from The Clayton Crane & Hoist Co.,

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Highlights from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. D. C. Bamford.

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review of the operating subsidiaries is included in the full Report and Accounts and Chairman's Statement which may be obtained from the Secretary: PARK LANE WORKS - NETHERTON - SOOTLE 10 - LANCs.

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COMMON MARKET DEBATE... day three in the Lords

National disaster if Labour fell apart—Shackleton

BY JUSTIN LONG, PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT



SHACKLETON... fore-bearance.

LORD SHACKLETON, Leader of the Labour peers, and committed pro-Market, yesterday called for understanding of the "great dilemma" within the Labour Party over the Common Market issue.

It was the first time in either House that a Labour Party front bench spokesman had seen fit—as Lord Shackleton did in the Lords—to warn all parties that if Labour were to fall apart through its disagreements it would be a national disaster.

Problem

But on the day that his party's national executive had voted by a majority against British entry into the EEC, Lord Shackleton also insisted that Labour was tackling its disputes with freedom and tolerance.

Before he went on to declare his own opposing views on the new official party line, Lord Shackleton went out of his way to attest to a new mood of forbearance within the Labour Party.

He had never known a major issue, he said, in which this "sometimes monolithic party" had been prepared to show so much flexibility and intelligence and recognition that this was a "great debate."

"It is for us to face this problem and argue it out among ourselves," Lord Shackleton told Peers on the third day of his own argument over the Common Market.

On main anxieties expressed by anti-Market, such as the terms negotiated for New Zealand, the future of Britain's regional policies, and the fears of new institutions, Lord Shackleton discounted the doubts and urged the advantages.

For the Government, Lord Eccles, Paymaster-General said that some responsible people, the Lord shepherd who spoke on Monday, were playing with all sorts of reasons for not accepting the terms.

"Some worry about the balance of payments, others about the price of food, or fish, or the monstrous size of lorries on the Continent. It is really as if they wanted to look through the wrong end of the telescope in order not to see the size of the problems, and the opportunities, before us."

Anyone who contended that British finance and industry would do better outside the Community has either lost his nerve or thinks, as did Lord Shackleton, that the British could always make it through.

The Italians, with their industrial weakness and old-fashioned education system just after the second war, must have faced risks when they went into the Market.

"If the Italians, to their great credit, plucked up the courage to join, surely we can do the same."

"If I were a British socialist and cared about my political friends across the Channel I would be dismayed at the decision of some of the trade unions not to respond to the call from Europe."

Lord Byers said an entirely new situation had developed which gave him great concern. All the hard work and experience of the past was now being jeopardised and undermined by certain leaders of the Labour Party who were seeking to reverse their support to entry into Europe.

Reputation

If the Labour Party persists in this course of action it will throw much doubt on the permanence of our membership that even under a Conservative Government we shall not be able to develop to the full within the Community, when we join it, our great national talent for leadership.

"This is the magnitude of the new factor, which is entering into the Common Market debate."

In the light of the views expressed by Mr. George Thomson, Lord George-Brown, Lord Chalfont and Mr. Michael Stewart, that the Labour Government would have accepted these terms, any decision by the Labour leadership to oppose entry would



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the inter-war years. There is no monopoly of wisdom on the part of any Government or any individual involved with those desperately sad times, but it would be an over-simplification if we looked at the series of events separating 1918 from 1939 and then say that the substance of what was happening was that the victor nations were watching Germany stagger into economic collapse.

Confusion

The deeper fact was that if we could have worked in those years with the Willy Brandts of Germany and the countless brave men and women of Germany who at their own peril and that of their families fought the greatest evil of modern times, not only Europe, but history would have been so very different.

Lord Goodman said great confusion must be caused "when one gentleman comes on the television screen saying how much he supports the Market and another gentleman comes on explaining why he changed his mind."

The issue would not be settled by television programmes. "The citizens of this country will assess the matter from what is good for them and I believe that what is good for them is entry into the Market."

"I do not think the Government has been specially wise in domestic policy if it wished to bring a united country into the Common Market."

"It should have sacrificed such matters as the Industrial Relations Bill, the Immigration Bill and all the issues tending to divide us at an historical moment when division is dangerous and unity is crucial."

Taylor goes

BY PHILIP RAWSTORNE

MR. EDWARD TAYLOR, Conservative MP for Cathcart, yesterday resigned from the Government as Under-Secretary, Scottish Office, and joined the anti-Common Market campaign.

In his letter of resignation to the Prime Minister, Mr. Taylor said that he did not believe membership of the EEC would be in the best interests of the country and that such an irreversible decision should not be taken without the direct assent of the electorate.

He told Mr. Heath that he was particularly concerned about the impact of entry and the effect of the EEC's policies on Scotland and the burden that would be imposed on the lower paid by higher food prices.

Mr. Taylor, one of the most successful junior Ministers who had been tipped for early promotion, made it clear that other items of the Government's policies—which he described as "courageous and forward-looking"—was involved in his resignation.

At a Press conference yesterday, he denied reports that the Government's attitude to Upper Clyde Shipbuilders had influenced his decision. Up to 2,000 are expected to take part, and there will also be a central advisory service to help unions devise their own training

TUC to train unions to live with IR Bill

THE TUC is to launch a training programme to prepare unions for the problems they are expected to face when the Government brings in its trade union legislation.

The programme, which will begin in the autumn, will consist of a series of full-time union officials who will then be able to set up their own training programmes for members and shop stewards.

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Lady Gaitskell (Lab.) said she was an unashamed agnostic about joining the EEC. "In 1962 my husband Hugh Gaitskell made a strong anti-Market speech at the annual Labour Party conference. When I listen to the extreme anti-Marketists I feel that time has stood still, but recently I read my husband's speech again and it helped me to make up my mind."

"My husband was not against the Common Market on principle as is sometimes assumed. In 1962 he knew positively that the French would veto our entry. He was a great Commonwealth man."

"In his speech he had put forward five conditions for the terms for entry and in 1962 the logic of his speech was irrelevant. In fact successive governments have been working just on the terms and conditions he put forward."

"Whatever we may think of the terms now, time has not stood still in the last decade and there have been many changes politically and economically in the world. The most important one is that now we can get into Europe."

Extended

She had an uneasy feeling that this country had grown increasingly inward looking over the last few years. Britain had tended to treat the Channel like a moat.

"I believe the time has now come to lift up the drawbridge and perhaps go into Europe. I do not often indulge in thinking about what might have been had my husband lived, but I venture to say I cannot believe he would not have grasped the hand extended by Willy Brandt at this time."

Arguments against local income tax set out

BY ARTHUR SMITH

REFORM of the rating system and improved central grants feature prominently in the Government Green Paper on the future of local government finance, presented to Parliament yesterday. Many arguments are assembled against such new income tax.

Published as "a basis for consultation," the document contains few definitive policy statements, but the re-rating of agricultural land and buildings is firmly rejected. Proposals are put forward to offset the regressive nature of rates and to tie them more closely to the ability to pay.

The Government declares its wish to absorb as many specific grants as possible into block grants in order to avoid detailed supervision and allow local authorities more freedom.

"The Government wish to give greater freedom to local authorities, but they cannot evade their own responsibility for management of the national economy, nor can they evade their duty to ensure minimum standards for essential services throughout the country. The problem for central government is how to resolve this dilemma within these constraints."

The Green Paper asserts that, although the Government is not prepared to introduce a Value Added Tax, it would impose very heavy administrative burdens on retailers. Any attempt to introduce such a tax at or near the basic rate as VAT would be introduced, although it is contemplated. The subsequent introduction of a sales tax "might be reviewed after some years' experience of the practical operation of a VAT."

The potentialities of a local employment or pay-roll tax and locally levied duties on motor fuel and motor vehicles are also explored. A source of finance recommended by the Royal Commission on Local Government in England—the re-rating of agricultural land and buildings—is dismissed at present.

Although there would be no technical problems, the Government says, raising rates on agricultural land and buildings for rating would impose a substantial task on scarce professional staff and could probably not be completed before the next election.

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imposing charges for services, but itself sees little room for radical changes. Any substantial transfer of services from local government is dismissed as "in conflict with the Government's object of devolving power from central to local government."

The arguments ranged up against local income-tax would seem to weigh heavily against adoption by the Government. Pointing to the administrative difficulties, the Paper declares: "A massive administrative effort would be needed by the Inland Revenue, or the local authorities, or employers, or by some combination of the three, if the tax was to work satisfactorily."

On the possibility of a local sales tax, the Paper claims that its operation at the same time as a Value Added Tax would impose very heavy administrative burdens on retailers. Any attempt to introduce such a tax at or near the basic rate as VAT would be introduced, although it is contemplated. The subsequent introduction of a sales tax "might be reviewed after some years' experience of the practical operation of a VAT."

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none of them, either alone or in combination, could satisfactorily take the place of rates. Ways of improving the rating system therefore must also be explored," the Paper argues.

One of the main disadvantages of rates was that they tended to hit hardest those householders at the lower levels of income. Experience of the present system of rate rebates had highlighted its main weaknesses, particularly that the qualifying income limits were not far above the supplementary benefit level.

The Green Paper suggests: "We could create the relief and extend its scope so that, as with rent rebates, even householders with incomes above the national average could be covered if they have large families and their rates are relatively high. In graduating the relief we could take account of personal circumstances in much the same way as personal allowances are taken on income."

Such a scheme aimed at tying rates more closely to the ability to pay is put forward as a basis for discussion in an appendix to the Green Paper.

The possibility of changing to capital values as the basis for assessing rateable values of dwellings is suggested, although it is noted that such a move could not be implemented immediately as the valuers would need time for preparation.

The Green Paper complains that domestic assessments have "tended to become increasingly notional under the present system of fixing rateable values on the basis of the rent which the property would fetch. There was a scarcity of evidence of what rent properties would command, though."

The Government wanted to discuss the possibilities for other improvements to rates, including changes in the present powers under which local authorities could levy rates on empty property.

The Future Shape of Local Government Finance; Cmnd. 4741; SO, 30p.

Six suggests plan for Channel Islands and Isle of Man

BY REGINALD DALE, COMMON MARKET CORRESPONDENT

BRUSSELS, July 28.

THE SIX to-day turned down a British request for an association agreement between the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Common Market after British entry. Britain had suggested that the islands be associated with the enlarged Community under Article 238 of the Treaty of Rome.

Article 238 is the one under which countries like Greece and Turkey are already associated with the Six, and it would provide the basis for the offer of association that is to be made to many independent members of the Commonwealth after British entry.

Article 227

To-day, however, the Community delegation told the U.K. that this Article referred to independent third countries, rather than territories such as the Channel Islands. The Six suggested, instead, that a solution should be sought under Article 227 of the Treaty which covers European territories for whose foreign affairs member States are responsible.

This is the Article under which

most of the Rome Treaty's provisions will apply to Gibraltar—apart from those covering Customs union. It would have the effect of making the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man an integral part of the enlarged Community.

The Community said, however, that it would be prepared to consider granting exceptions to Treaty rules in the case of the islands involved. It asked Britain to stipulate what kind of exceptions would be required.

Britain told the Community delegation that full application of Treaty rules to the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man would cause serious damage to their economies. Rising prices would hit tourism, and alignment on higher Community tax levels would discourage businessmen and private individuals from settling in the islands.

The British team has also pointed out that the islands have little to gain from industrial tariff cuts in an enlarged Community to compensate for the much higher level of farm prices. The islands are also worried about immigrant labour coming in under the Community's free movement of workers provisions and depriving local inhabitants of scarce jobs.

The Community would inform Britain and the other candidates of all major policy decisions it was about to take, other than those concerned simply with the day-to-day running of Common Market affairs. In return, Britain would have to let the Community know in advance about decisions that could affect undertakings it has given in the course of the entry negotiations in its capacity as a future member.

But also asked to-day for a period of up to three-and-a-half years before fully introducing Community legislation on various types of seeds and plants.

In all, the Wendell Phillips group holds about 140m. acres of concessions primarily in the Middle East and the Far East.

U.S. oil millionaire's HQ for London

BY JOHN TRAFFORD

DR. WENDELL PHILLIPS, American millionaire owner of one of the world's biggest chains of privately-owned oil concessions, is to move his headquarters from London to London and to set a publicly quoted company in the U.K. or the Continent.

"My financial advisers are now engaged in the preliminary work and are looking at all the European countries, including the U.K. and Switzerland," he said last night. The value and scope of the company has yet to be fixed but it is expected that Dr. Phillips will hold a substantial although not necessarily majority interest in it.

Decision soon

A decision on the country for registration of the company will be taken shortly. But whatever the choice, Dr. Phillips emphasised that its operating base would be London which he still considers the "capital" of the Arab world.

The new company may be set up and operating before the end of the year. There is no intention of purchasing an existing publicly quoted company as a "shell" operation.

Dr. Phillips added: "We shall certainly continue to handle the granting of concessions, the geological exploration and some preliminary drilling. Whether or not we go in for actual exploitation of oil, marketing, tankers and so on has not yet been decided."

At present the Honolulu-registered Wendell Phillips Oil Company has only some 20 senior executives. Much of the expert services it requires are supplied by non-company men working for a fee. Some initial increase in numbers is expected when the European company is formed but any large increases will have to await further successful ventures.

Apart from availability of funds, the formation of a public company based in London will be used as an opportunity to rationalise the group's operations and, in particular, permit Dr. Phillips to spend more time in negotiating oil concessions around the world.

During the past year, Dr. Phillips has successfully negotiated three major oil concessions,

in New Guinea, the East China Sea and offshore Oman. "I would like to have gone after twice that number, but I did not have the time," he said.

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Guillotine angers Labour

THE GOVERNMENT'S plans for a guillotine on a five-day debate of the Industrial Relations Bill was carried in the Commons last night by 308 votes to 263.

The Bill arrived back in the Commons yesterday with 341 amendments to it made by the Upper House after 30 days of debate. Immediately after the passing of the guillotine motion, MPs began their consideration of the amendments. They will continue consideration to-day and then next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Each day's proceedings will end at mid-night and at the end of the fifth day, amendments not reached will be the subject of a single vote.

Contempt

Moving the guillotine motion, Mr. William Whitelaw, Leader of the House, said there should be a generous allocation of time for this important and valuable Bill. It was, so far as he had been able to check, the longest time provided for consideration of Lords amendments in the whole history of Parliament.

There had been 200 hours of

discussion in the Commons already on the Bill covering 21 days. "This really is a generous allocation of time, I challenge any fair-minded person to say otherwise."

Mrs. Barbara Castle, "shadow" Secretary for Employment, said the allocation of five days was a "desperate exercise" to try and win back the trust of the Opposition in Mr. Whitelaw as an impartial Leader.

That will not happen until the Leader has the honesty to stop shielding the Government over its abuse of public funds by the free distribution of its propaganda material through the Post Office.

At no time had the Government approached the Opposition to try and reach a voluntary timetable.

"Our complaint is that the timetable is a denigration of some of the basic rights of Parliament. What we have been suffering from has been treatment amounting to the contempt of the rights of the House of Commons itself."

Rights

More amendments had been made to the Bill than in any

since the war. On line in three had been amended in the Lords and whole new sections and been added. "So this House is now receiving back from the Lords a virtually new Bill."

The reason for the "generous" allocation of five days was "a cloak the surreptitious introduction of the principle of preventing this House from voting on amendments individually."

"The Government, because it has a majority, claims the right not only to restrict debates, but to stop MPs from voting at all. This Government has proved it can only get its measures through by perverting the procedures and rights of Parliament."

Sir Ewan Nicholas (C. Peterborough) said if the Opposition wanted to continue a "great national propaganda exercise in order to keep the friendship of their paymasters," then the five-day debate would be wasted. The House should ignore the "histories and venom" of some of the Opposition, and examine the Bill wisely and properly in detail.

Mr. Stanley Orme (Lab. Salford) asked why the trade union movement should take notice of this legislation when the debate

had been reduced to a "farce." And Mr. Harold Walker, an Opposition spokesman on employment, said the motion was "a sad and sorry business which discredited Parliament."

Parliamentary democracy was reduced to mere head-counting. Mr. Carr-Saunders, for Employment, said that all major points could be covered in the proper manner. "I do not believe in the history of our Parliament, or any Parliament of other countries, could this be said to be the sort of denial of democracy, the sort of claptrap, we have been hearing from Labour MPs this afternoon."

More cash for post-graduates

INCREASED GRANTS for post-graduate students were announced by Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, Secretary for Education.

Students living in college, hall or lodgings are to receive an increase from £580 to £630 in 1971-72, £630 in 1972-73 and £675 in 1973-74.

Students living at home are to receive increases from £425 to £485, £500 and £520.

Other Overseas News

IN BRIEF

● **NEW DELHI:** The Government has introduced to the Lower House of Parliament a controversial bill seeking to amend constitution so as to give Parliament the right to make changes in the Fundamental Rights Chapter. This is seen as a prelude to radical programme aimed at abolishing rights to private property, whitening down compensation payable on nationalisation and curbing the rights of the Supreme Court to strike down legislation.

● **LAGOS:** General Yakubu Gowon left here yesterday for Monrovia at the head of a strong Nigerian delegation for today's burial of the late Liberian President William Tubman.

● **SYDNEY:** Consumer prices in Australia rose at an annual rate of 6.8 per cent. in the June quarter, the Commonwealth Statistician has announced. The figures have shocked the Government which was hoping for a fall back in the rate of inflation. The rate for the quarter was 1.7 per cent., compared to 1.1 per cent. in the March quarter and a record 1.9 per cent. in the December quarter.

● **KAMPALA:** Swaziland became the 33rd member of the African Development Bank when her application was formally approved at the Bank's annual meeting here yesterday. Swaziland's subscription is set at \$1.6m., half of which is to be paid up.

Egypt tests civil defence as party congress closes

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

CAIRO, July 28

MOCK air-raids will be staged throughout Egypt to-morrow to test the civil defence system across the country. Al-Ahram reported this morning. It will be the first such exercise for a number of months. It followed yesterday's report by the semi-official Middle East News Agency that the Egyptian armed forces are to a state of maximum preparedness for "expected events at the front-line."

Earlier this week the National Congress of the Arab Socialist Union gave President Anwar Sadat a free hand to negotiate the Middle East crisis. Sadat, elected chairman of the ASU, Egypt's single party, got a new central committee, comprising 180 members he himself selected from 300 candidates, plus 30 members directly appointed by him. Fifty reserve members were also nominated. According to informed sources, some of the 30 appointed members are Marxists or ex-Communists, "who can speak with our Russian friends."

Significantly, no known extreme Left-wingers emerged from the elections as central committee candidates. Four of the appointed seats were left vacant for the armed forces to be filled "once the traces of aggression are liquidated."

Election of the key ASU body, the higher executive committee, has been postponed for three months. According to Al-Ahram, Sadat said the central committee members should first get acquainted before deciding who should sit on the higher executive.

The President announced that

learning from the experience of the past "conspiracy" against him, the ASU would not have a secretary-general—the post filled by former Vice-President Ali Sabry—but would appoint secretaries to the central committee.

Sadat's purge of Egypt's political structure is not finished. Yesterday he told the congress that he would dissolve the People's Assembly (Parliament) on September 1 and new elections would be held within 60 days. The assembly, he said, was now the only body not formed through free elections. Any citizen could stand for election, but no one could run as a candidate for a political organisation.

A plebiscite will be held in August on a permanent constitution for Egypt to be renamed the Arab Republic of Egypt—and in September there will be a

referendum on the confederation with Libya and Syria.

In asking for his mandate yesterday, Sadat said he did not seek unlimited power but wanted the world to see that Egypt spoke with one voice. He would act within the agreed national strategy and the central committee would share his responsibility of conversation and concern.

In his closing address to the four-day congress, Sadat modified somewhat his opening statement on Friday that 1971 would be the year of decision in the Middle East and that Egypt was willing to sacrifice one million lives to get a decision. "I do not wish to say that our path to victory will reach its end this year, for this is a long and arduous way, but the year should see a practical move towards the elimination of the Israeli aggression," he said.

1,000 Sudanese held

BY OUR MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

MORE THAN 1,000 Sudanese Communists, excluding military personnel, are still being held, Mr. Omar Hag Musa, the Minister of Information, said in Khartoum yesterday. Asked at a press conference how many more executions there would be, he said: "It is rather too early to say this. Investigations were continuing and the next few days would decide who was tried or freed, he went on."

Early yesterday Abdel Khalik Mahgoub, Secretary-General of the SCP, was banded at Koubar Prison on the outskirts of Khartoum despite the meaningful

Soviet condemnation of "bloody terror" in the Sudan and the reported Egyptian mediation effort to save his life.

Mr. Hag Musa laughed off reports that Russian advisers (there are believed to be about 2,000 in the Sudan) were leaving the country. President Nimir's Government had received no protest from the Soviet Union about the executions of Communists.

Four leading members of the Communist Party are being banded down, meanwhile. To-day their pictures were flashed on TV screens and the public were asked to turn them in.

Japan wants Taiwan to stay if Peking joins UN

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

TOKYO, July 28

JAPAN'S Foreign Ministry, considering it very likely that China will enter the UN this autumn, is applying pressure on the Nationalist Chinese Government on Formosa to refrain from walking out of the world body should such a development occur.

Acting Foreign Minister Toshio Kimura has informed the China Problem Research Council of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) that it would be impossible to block Peking's entry since it is "inconceivable" that the "important question" formula could be adopted. He added that Washington now is seriously considering accepting Peking as a permanent member of the UN Security Council.

Japan and the U.S. are actively consulting each other on how to reach an agreement on this issue. Mr. Kimura explained to the LDP Council yesterday that in the view of Japan's relations with China are very basically different from and increasingly more complicated than those between America and China.

It is Japan's position that it would be advisable to keep the Nationalists in the UN despite the bitter protest from Taipei that there is no chance that Formosan representatives would sit in the same assembly with those from the mainland. But the Japanese have received hints from Chiang Chun, the influential Secretary-General of the Presidential office on Formosa who is now visiting Tokyo, that it "just

might be possible" for the Nationalists to remain in the UN if the mainland is admitted.

On Tuesday, Mr. Chun addressed the Japan-Nationalist China Co-operation Committee which opened a two-day meeting in Tokyo, and although he repeated his Government's stand that it could not tolerate acceptance of two Chinas, he did not use the term "withdrawal," and reportedly gave the Japanese the impression that Taipei was currently studying ways in which it would be possible to remain in the UN if Peking is voted a member.

Reuter reports from Melbourne Prime Minister William McMahon said to-day Australia would not oppose China's entry to the U.N. He also said he believed Australia would in time recognise the government of the People's Republic of China although he would not see that happening "as the result of the first dialogue."

THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

Amin sticks to his guns

BY BRIDGET BLODM, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

THE WAR of words between Uganda's General Amin and President Nyerere of Tanzania seems to have subsided, but the difference between the leaders of the two countries remain and still pose a serious threat to the operation of the three-nation East African Community. Visiting all three capitals in the last fortnight, I found the Community's future the major topic of conversation and concern.

For all the past vicissitudes, Ugandans, Tanzanians and Kenyans have got used to co-operating with one another. Though the Treaty forming the present Community was signed only in 1967 there is a history of common services between the three states going back some 40 years and to-day the Community affects the daily lives of almost everyone, at least in the modern economy. Posts, telephones, customs, railways and a host of other services are all operated in common, and the habit has grown up, at least among urban elites in the three states of "thinking East African."

This is perhaps a hopeful sign in an otherwise depressing picture. The current trouble began with the Ugandan coup last January when President Nyerere gave exile to the ousted Dr. Obote and refused to recognise Gen. Amin. This made impossible the holding a meeting of the EAC Authority, the highest policy making body, comprising the presidents of the three partner states. The meeting was due in February and still has not been held.

Ugandan coup

Since January, other Community institutions have been affected. The EAC's three governing Councils (Finance, Communications, and Common Market), which are headed respectively by a Tanzanian, a Ugandan and a Kenyan Minister, have not met, while to add to the complications Tanzania and Uganda have failed to agree on Uganda's nominee for the vacant post of Minister of Communications.

Several other senior appointments have been contested, notably in the EAC's four statutory corporations, where such posts, under the Treaty and

related agreements, are divided up between the three states. Uganda's nominees for the chairmanship of the Railway Corporation and for the director generalships of the Harbours and of the Airways Corporations have been rejected by Tanzania. Uganda in its turn has refused to allow the Tanzanian Chairman of the East African Development Bank to carry out his job in Kampala.

The absence of senior executives from three of the four corporations has not stopped them from operating but it has inevitably diminished efficiency and added to uncertainty. A few appointments have gone through without too much trouble: both Uganda and Tanzania accepted Kenya's nomination for the EAC's new Secretary-General for example, while Tanzania accepted General Amin's nominees for the Legislative Assembly. But the real crunch has come in the last month over the Community's budget, which General Amin has so far refused to authorise.

The four corporations are self-financing and though they need the Authority's approval for their development programmes, they face no immediate financial problem. The yearly general services fund budget, however, involves gross expenditure for 1971-72 and 303m. shillings (about £18m.) and covers salaries for some 15,000 Community employees as well as services such as meteorology, civil aviation and agricultural research.

The normal procedure is that the budget estimates are approved by the Legislative Assembly and by the Finance Council before being signed by the three Presidents. This year, they have been approved by the Assembly and signed by Presidents Nyerere and Kenyatta; but the Finance Council has not met and President Amin has so far refused to sign the Appropriations Act, strongly objecting at the same time to the Secretary-General's decision (taken with the tacit approval of Kenya and Tanzania) to appropriate the money anyway in order to pay salaries and avert the Community's break up.

There is some dispute as to the precise legal requirements of the Treaty in respect of the budget, and while Uganda is probably right in claiming that the

Secretary-General's action is illegal, it is also the case that none of the Appropriation Bills since the EAC came into being has been signed by all three States before October of the financial year to which the Bill applies.

While the wrangling goes on, the effects of the quarrel are beginning to be felt. It seems likely that salaries—due to be paid this Friday—will in fact be paid 12 Ugandan instructions that banks were not to honour salary cheques has apparently been overruled. However, the effect on staff morale of the current uncertainty could be serious. Services too will presumably continue to run, though perhaps with reduced efficiency. If the dispute continues more than a couple of months, however, the new development programmes for the corporations which must be agreed before submission in lending bodies such as the World Bank will be held up. In practical terms this could mean, for example, a year of expansion plans at Dar es Salaam's congested port, to meet the deadline for completion of the Tanzania Railway. When complete, the railway will double berthing needs.

For the time being intra-Community trade does not appear to be seriously affected, largely because Tanzania-Uganda trade is small, while the equalising transfer taxes as well as customs and excise payments are made automatically without need for political consultation. Uganda's decision on July 8 to close the border with Tanzania, stop steamship services on Lake Victoria, and halt direct airline and telephone services is proving costly. It is estimated for example that the telephone channels previously open between Tanzania and Uganda via the new tropospheric scatter radio station are losing revenue of some 32,000 shillings (£3,000) a day.

What is the way out of the impasse? It is perfectly clear that the major problem is political and for the time being there is little sign of a change of heart on the part of either Uganda or Tanzania over the central issue—that of recognition of the Amin regime. In a sense, both sides have got themselves into untenable positions. President Nyerere argues that there is a distinction to be drawn between

"the necessary compromise to keep the Community together (which he has said he will not make) and formal recognition of a 'viciously arbitrary' regime."

But by accepting Gen. Amin as the man qualified to sign the Appropriations Bill, President Nyerere is in fact giving the Uganda Government de facto recognition.

General Amin, on the other hand, is asking for more, insisting on a personal written assurance from the Tanzanian President that he will not "let the letter and spirit of the EAC as a condition of Uganda's co-operation in Community affairs. General Amin virtually demanding recognition and is incidentally appearing to hold a pistol at the head of the Community—whom he says he supports.

Recognition

If the Community is to survive as a positive and meaningful organisation the first requirement is an end to the stalemate which has made co-operation so difficult over past few weeks. This appears last to be happening, and this week, one or other hopeful signs.

Our first example is the nomination of Mr. Rwekshira who was named Uganda last week to replace Bigirwenkya.

Kenya (which also objected to Mr. Rwekshira) seems to have played an important role in solving a problem and, if all goes according to plan, Tanzanian approval of other nominees may follow. They do, some officials hope, suggest that Uganda will accept the nomination. Tanzanian recognition and signing the budget. But even if it happens, it will be a long time before the (admittedly important) degree of understanding and co-operation which has been realised before the Uganda returns. If the political will keeps the Community together, lacking, it will slowly disintegrate. On the other hand, a more hopeful degree of practical co-operation has been achieved means that the Community has a momentum of its own, and would be extremely difficult to dismantle.

U.K., Qatar to sign treaty

BY RICHARD JOHNS, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

AGREEMENT on a treaty of friendship between Qatar and Britain, replacing the old treaties which established the U.K. commitment to defend the Gulf State and look after its external affairs, is expected in the near future.

According to reliable sources, the draft of the treaty is ready and only minor points of detail remain to be agreed. Yesterday Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad al Thani, Crown Prince and Deputy Ruler of Qatar, had a meeting

with Mr. Edward Heath, Prime Minister, and lunch with Sir Alec Douglas-Home, the Foreign Secretary.

The British Government now appears to accept completely Qatar going independent and alone outside the Federation agreed upon last week by six of the Trucial States.

Agreement on a new treaty with Britain would clear the way for Qatar's independence, but the Ruler will probably not actually declare it until much later in the year.

India rejects observers

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, July 28

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister Mr. Swaran Singh said to-day that India was "totally opposed to United Nations observers" being posted on the Indian side of the Beagol border. Mr. Singh said a proposal for sub observers had been made by certain countries to facilitate the return of the East Bengal refugees, about 7.5m. of whom are in India.

The international community must direct its energies to creating suitable conditions in East Bengal for the return of the refugees and not confuse the issue

by trying to post UN observers on both sides of the border. A Singh made it clear that the matter was not to be discussed. The fugitives being persuaded to return unless an administration which they had confidence was established in East Bengal. He said that "thousands of refugees keep coming every day" and that the Foreign Staff attaché in West Bengal would suggest that it shared the responsibility for their flight with the Pakistani military authorities.

Witan Investment Company Limited

The 63rd Annual General Meeting of Witan Investment Co. Ltd. is being held in London today and will be followed by an Extraordinary General Meeting at which a Special Resolution to approve the scheme (referred to below) giving Ordinary shareholders the option to convert all or part of their shares into 'B' Ordinary shares will be put to the Meeting.

The following are extracts from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. D. S. Schreiber, M.V.O., circulated to shareholders with the Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th April 1971:

NET ASSET VALUE

In my statement to you last year, I said that security prices both in England and America were continuing to fall. However, later in the year a substantial recovery developed in all the major world stock markets, and we are able to report a net asset value (88p) at 30th April 1971, marginally higher than the equivalent figure (86p) at the 15th April 1970.

INCOME

The income situation is, however, less satisfactory. It was stated last year that our preliminary estimates of income indicated a shortfall over dividend requirements, and in the event maintenance of the 7 per cent. dividend required a draft of £315,628 from Reserve. The reasons which have brought about this situation are, the loss of revenue resulting from the abolition of double tax relief, the high cost of borrowed money, and the erosion of our resources due to capital gains tax and dollar surrender with the consequent loss of the income thereon. It is, however, clear to your board that, although a high rate of dividend income is not the main reason for our investing in investment trust companies, nonetheless shareholders are entitled to expect modest increases at not too infrequent intervals. Management have done their best to temper their investment policy so as to improve the income situation and we have sold a certain number of very low yielding securities and invested the money temporarily in high coupon edge-edged stock.

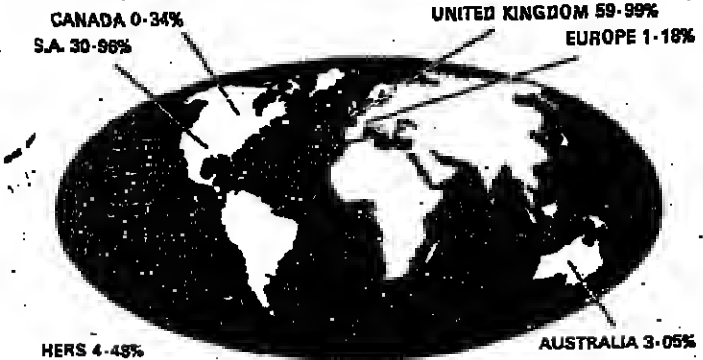
CAPITAL REORGANISATION SCHEME

We do not however believe that it can be wise to sacrifice long term capital growth for the sake of immediate income. It is felt that unless some other venue is explored it would be several years before shareholders could look for an increased return. Your board have, therefore, decided to put before shareholders a voluntary scheme under which those shareholders whose income in the form of cash dividends was not particularly attractive could exchange their existing shares for a different type of share. These proposals have been cleared with the Revenue authorities. I would like to emphasise that although the scheme is entirely optional your board are confident that it will appeal to a considerable number of shareholders and that by bringing forward the day when increasing dividends can again be anticipated, it will confer great benefits on both classes of shareholders. Our board have decided, however, that unless a minimum of 10 per cent. shareholders wish to avail themselves of the option the scheme will not go forward.

BOARD CHANGES

Anthony Hornby and I have both decided that the time has come for us to retire from the board of your Company. I am delighted to be able to tell you that Mr. John Henderson, who is a partner in Cazenove & Co., Ltd. who has been on the board of your Company for 9 years will be elected chairman in my place.

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Sea-bed should be open to all—USSR

By Our Own Correspondent

GENEVA, July 28. THE SOVIET UNION has proposed that exploitation of sea-bed mineral resources be open to all countries, both coastal and landlocked, beyond the limits of the continental shelf. Where there is no continental shelf, all nations should be allowed to exploit the sea-bed of the high seas beginning at the demarcation line to be negotiated.

The Russian proposals were made in a draft international treaty submitted to the United Nations committee on peaceful uses of the sea-bed. Like a U.S. draft treaty last year, the Russians also proposed the creation of an international agency to supervise ocean floor activities. But Moscow was less explicit on its powers.

The American has suggested a 12-mile territorial sea limit, beyond which all countries can engage in exploitation or beyond a point at which the high seas reach a depth of 200 metres. The 12-mile proposal was supported to-day by Japan, which said the international community should derive the maximum benefit from the ocean.

It is claimed by 45 countries but some South American countries have demanded a limit of 200 miles or even more, and this issue is proving the most difficult to resolve in the sea-bed committee.

The draft treaty also stated that sea-bed exploitation should not conflict with "the principles of freedom of navigation, fishing, research and other activities on the high seas." It insisted that any sea-bed installations not be used for military purposes.

The "international sea-bed resources agency" proposed to supervise exploitation should have an executive board consisting of 30 countries, five each from the Socialist, Asian, African, Latin American and western countries plus one landlocked country from each of those groups.

Summary of De La Rue Results 1971

The profits for the three main trading groups were:	Profit before Tax		As a Percentage of Sales	
	1971	1970	1971	1970
Formica International Limited	£m.	£m.	%	%
Thomas De La Rue International Limited	2.1	2.6	7.9	9.6
Potterton International Limited	1.03	1.3	5.9	7.6
	0.8	0.7	5.2	6.8

Financial Summary for the year ended 31st March, 1971	1971	1970
Group Sales	£59.0m	£53.9m
Profit before Tax	£3.4m	£4.1m
Profit attributable to Ordinary Shareholders	£1.41m	£1.82m
Earnings per 50p Ordinary Share	11.4p	14.8p
Dividends per 50p Ordinary Share	11.25p	11.25p
Exports and Overseas Business:		
Exports (including sales to Group Companies)	£10m	£9.9m
Sales by Overseas Companies	£22.6m	£21.4m

EXTRACTS FROM SIR ARTHUR NORMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1971

THE YEAR'S TRADING

The year has been dominated by the struggle to maintain margins of profit in the face of an unprecedented wave of inflation, which has affected every activity in the U.K. and most of our operations in other countries. Turnover was 9.4% higher, due in part to price increases, but the overall margin of profit for the year dropped from 7.6% to 5.7%. When the year began, it was already clear that price changes and cost reductions would have little effect in the first six months, but we expected to arrest the decline in profit margins in the third quarter. In the event, we were unable to reach this position until the end of the third quarter when, as results of the fourth quarter show, there was a strong recovery in profits.

EXPORTS

Exports at £8.8m reflect the stern efforts made to maintain our export effort in the face of a decline in the rate of growth of world trade in manufactured goods, rising costs and intensified competition in all markets. The Queen's Award to Industry for export achievement was won for the second time by Thomas De La Rue and Company.

ORGANISATION

Last September, after considerable preparatory work, a far-reaching reorganisation of the management structure of the Group was put into effect. We can already see evidence to suggest that the consequences of these moves are proving beneficial.

THOMAS DE LA RUE INTERNATIONAL

During the past year this sector of the Group has implemented a number of rationalisation programmes which have brought about a substantial saving in costs and have helped to restore margins. It has also had to cope with the first wave of major cost inflation in the U.K. With the benefits of its rationalisation programmes and price improvement policies now being felt, we are looking for a considerable improvement in profitability in 1971-72.

FORMICA INTERNATIONAL

The profits of the Formica group of companies were not up to expectations. With new capacity in a number of countries now in operation, prospects for the continued growth of our Formica business internationally are good. However, the battle to maintain and increase margins has to be won if profitability is to improve, and this the company plans to achieve.

POTTERTON INTERNATIONAL

Though there was a modest improvement in profits, cost inflation in the U.K. substantially offset the record volume of sales achieved. A drastic revision of pricing policy and of methods of cost control, both designed to restore margins, has taken place, but nonetheless cost escalation still remains the biggest hazard to be faced in 1971-72. The company now has a complete product range and expects fair market conditions in the U.K. as well as looking forward to improved profitability from all its overseas operations. In general, the outlook for the Potterton group is encouraging.

At the Annual General Meeting yesterday the Chairman made the following comments

FIRST QUARTER'S RESULTS

Earnings of £311,000 compared with £251,000 at this time last year, are in line with expectations. The overall margin of profit at 5.3% is the same as for last year's first quarter but has slipped back from the higher levels achieved in the last quarter of 1970/71. Lower profits from the European subsidiaries of Formica International more than offset some further improvement in profit margins in the U.K.

INVESTMENT

The high level of investment of the past two years is planned to continue in the current year. Investment plans include a decision by Thomas De La Rue to install new and advanced equipment for the personalisation of cheques. Formica International has concluded an agreement to purchase from Anglo-Transvaal Industries 60% of the equity of Decorative Boards Pty., a South African manufacturer of laminated plastics, and in a further

move to expand its overseas interests Formica International has increased its shareholding in the French Formica business from approximately 66% to 86%.

FURTHER OUTLOOK

Cost inflation—in the U.K. and in almost all the other countries in which the Group has investments—is still a matter of major concern but counter measures are likely to prove more effective than they were at this time last year. Our companies in Europe show signs of overcoming many of the problems which beset them at the beginning of the year, and improving trends in the U.K. with generally healthy order books, continue to support the Board's view that the year as a whole will show a worthwhile improvement on 1970/71.

The Board believes that Britain's entry into the EEG would have little immediate effect on the Group, but that there would be real benefits in the longer term.

RESULTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 1971

Consolidated Profit Statement

Overseas companies to 31st March 1971

	Amounts are expressed in thousands of pounds		
	1971/72	1970/71	
	First Quarter	First Quarter	Full Year
SALES:			
UK	£ 6,581	£ 5,739	£ 27,549
Exports	2,204	2,028	8,777
Overseas Companies	5,897	5,117	22,843
	14,582	12,883	58,969
Profit before Tax	778	685	3,375
As a percentage of Sales	5.3%	5.3%	5.7%
Profit after Tax	414	438	2,175
Profit attributable to Minorities	98	182	751
	316	256	1,424
Less Proportion of Prof. Dividend	5	5	18
Profit attributable to Ordinary Shareholders	311	251	1,406
Earnings per Ordinary Share	2.5p	2.0p	11.4p

NOTE: Undue emphasis should not be placed on the figures for any single quarter as a basis for estimating the profits of the year.

BOOKS

Angry African

C. P. SNOW

und to Violence by Yambo Ouologuem. Translated by Ralph Manheim. Secker and Warburg, £1.50, 182 pages

This is likely to be the most unusual book that will be published this year. It is a first novel, originally written in French, and is a masterpiece of African literature. The author, Yambo Ouologuem, is a Senegalese writer who has lived in France and Africa. The book is a powerful critique of the French colonial system in Africa, and it is a masterpiece of African literature. The book is a masterpiece of African literature, and it is a powerful critique of the French colonial system in Africa. The book is a masterpiece of African literature, and it is a powerful critique of the French colonial system in Africa.

critics deeply admired the work, but were puzzled by it. Some, reading as it were from the left, thought it must be a protest against French colonialism. Well, in a superficial sense it may be. The young hero at the end begins to hope that, now the country is independent, he may—just possibly—see a better world. But the real feeling runs much deeper. The passage I have quoted goes back to the time of the black (though Muslim) lords. One's final feeling, after emerging from the book, is much more like that of the poor old village chief, or, more exactly like that of Sidney Nolan's comment after coming out of Auschwitz: "It's a bastard being a human being."



Yambo Ouologuem

ludes than structured novels. Like other gifted Africans, he has read, he suffers—though the book is short—from a tendency to logorrhea. So, of course, do some Western writers, for example Thomas Wolfe and Céline, and one can achieve great effects with logorrhea, as Mr. Ouologuem does himself. But it also involves great risks, notably the risk of outstaying one's welcome. In connection with this, he is also sometimes careless and untidy. This isn't a realistic novel, but the story of the last war, which he is supposed to be fighting and living through.

I should say none of this unless I look him seriously. He has a real talent; and, as I said at the beginning, he has written an unusual book as we are likely to be offered for long enough.



Mr. Wilson's self-portrait

BY DAVID WATT

The Labour Government 1964-1970 by Harold Wilson. Weidenfeld and Nicolson and Michael Joseph, £4.80, 336 pages

When Mr. Wilson's "personal record" of his Prime Ministership was serialised earlier this year, it was a masterpiece of self-portraiture. It was a masterpiece of self-portraiture, and it was a masterpiece of self-portraiture. It was a masterpiece of self-portraiture, and it was a masterpiece of self-portraiture. It was a masterpiece of self-portraiture, and it was a masterpiece of self-portraiture.

Mr. Wilson tells a straight day-by-day story, with not only fast backs or attempts to draw events together into a pattern. This method has obvious defects and perhaps suggests some of the weaknesses of his temperament; but it does have the virtue of suggesting really vividly the pressures under which a modern Prime Minister works—the constant interruptions, the endless unforeseeable crises, the distracting switches of attention. The cumulative effect of all this is breathless and confused but undeniably exciting and realistic.

Just the same I wish Mr. Wilson had not written this book or written it in this way—indeed I think he may live to regret it too. For the fact is that it does not do him justice. The Labour Government and its Prime Minister were not exactly the greatest of the century, but neither were they quite as bad as Mr. Wilson manages to make out. It is ironic that a work which was obviously conceived as an exercise in self-justification should be so self-incriminating.

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charge that Mr. Wilson has to answer—namely that he had no strategic grasp. Almost every line of the book tends to confirm it. There is no attempt at any point to explain the grand strategy with which he came to office in 1964, or to put it another way, what the course was from which he claims he was blown by the economic troubles which he inherited from the Conservatives. Was he, as some people have claimed on his behalf, trying to turn the Labour Party into a "middle of the road" party of government? How much redistribution of wealth and resources was he aiming at? Did he see himself as a radical or as a cosy reconciler of old antagonisms? We are never told, and the omission is glaring.

And it was not only an overall strategy which seems to be missing, but a strategy for particular issues. The sagas of the economy of prices and incomes policy, of the EEC, and of industrial relations, wind their way through the book, and Mr. Wilson, who describes his role (in one of the few philosophical asides he offers us) as being that of "Managing Director as well as Chairman of his team," expends frantic and praiseworthy energy on them all. But he is always reacting to the crisis and never trying to impose his ideas upon it in advance. One of the few philosophical asides he offers us is as being that of "Managing Director as well as Chairman of his team," expends frantic and praiseworthy energy on them all. But he is always reacting to the crisis and never trying to impose his ideas upon it in advance.

Just so. Mr. Wilson liked activity or nothing, and in the breathless rush of actions with which he allowed his day to be filled there was not much time for anything else. He was, by his own account, constantly "intervening," and setting up committees and things, not so much as his colleagues alleged, because he wanted publicity, but because he actually liked it. The poisoned corned beef affair, the gas shortage, the European canisters, the Torrey Canyon, the dockers' strike—the book abounds in incidents in which he just had to get into the act. Again, he loves to talk about his affairs, security arrangements and all the other trappings of being "busy," without seeming to worry about where all the activity was leading.

Another frequent accusation against Mr. Wilson has been that

he had delusions of grandeur in foreign affairs and spent far too much time worrying about them. And again, the book, far from helping him, merely proves unnecessary confirmation. The endless trips to Washington and Moscow to discuss Vietnam, the forays into Africa and the Middle East can no doubt be rationally justified in one way or another—the Rhodesian crisis for example, or the Suez crisis, and so did the Six-Day War and Biafra. As for Vietnam, the rank and file of the Labour Party would hardly let a Labour Prime Minister forget about it. But in all these cases Mr. Wilson spools his own defence by giving the impression that he was obsessed by the shadow—his own activities to the exclusion of the substance—Britain's very restricted ability to influence events.

Even the personal accusation of trickiness and had faith remaining virtually untouched by Mr. Wilson's account. The big rows of his Prime Ministership—the Industrial Relations Bill and the South African arms deal—take up a good deal of space, but in both cases in his attempt to appear whiter than white, Mr. Wilson protests too much. In the minor row—the Soames Affair, the Kashmir Statement and the "£ in your pocket" broadcast it always seems to have been someone else's fault—the Foreign Office, the CRO, or Mr. Crossman. The tone is mainly good-humoured, but a virulent antipathy to Mr. Heath wrecks the effect.

And yet there is a case to be made for Mr. Wilson and his Government. Glimpses of it, of course, appear in these memoirs, particularly on the personal side. Mr. Wilson at Aherhar, Mr. Wilson putting up with the vagaries of his colleagues (particularly Mr. Brown), Mr. Wilson grieving over the death of friends and associates, these are admirable figures. Mr. Wilson arguing the case for British entry into the Common Market with General de Gaulle (and how well he did it) or picking up a nuance from Mr. Koyssig is genuinely impressive.

But the underlying achievements of Mr. Wilson's team—in defence, in industry, in the Social Services, in education, and in making Britain a more civilised country—these get only perfunctory attention from the leader. He mentions them and is suitably complimentary to his colleagues about them, but he is never really involved. Mr. Wilson is entitled to take credit for quite a lot, in a way, but he has other preoccupations and cannot see it.

Beautiful people

BY ISOBEL MURRAY

The Drifters by James A. Michener. Secker and Warburg, £2.75, 751 pages

The Drifters gives the impression of being another attempt on the ideal of the Great American Novel, the novel that is very long and all-inclusive, the novel of which one says, "All human life is here." This kind of ambition is not necessarily a bad one, however, unattainable the ideal, and in this case Mr. Michener has certainly produced a monster book which is at the same time immensely, even compulsively readable. The novel's main concern is to illuminate the more incomprehensible aspects of today's youth to all the older people who find their various attitudes inexplicable. To this end, the novel is narrated by a man in his sixties, and the drifters of the title are six young people all under 20.

And there is not, as far as I can see, one single appropriate theme which is not efficiently inserted in the story or implicit in the characters: indeed, each of the youngsters provides at least one of his life-situations. So we have three Americans, Joe, a draft dodger who considers the Vietnamese war an immoral one, Cato, a black boy who has been involved in black freedom-fighting and is on the run after the attempted hold-up of a wealthy "wasp" church on behalf of Negro ghettos, and Gretchen, an idealistic and beautiful singer of old folksongs, who campaigned for Eugene McCarthy and was maltreated by the police. And these three Brits, representative of many Norwegian girls who escape to southern Europe in search of the sun, Monica, the archetypal English colonial, whose father was the dedicated, efficient and finally discarded administrator of an emergent black African state, and Vigal, who fought at Sinai at 17, and before he is 21 must decide whether to accept American or Israeli nationality, and we do not need much stirring to produce a complex plot.

So, the action centres on youth-in-revolt, free love, pop music, pot and heroin, and is aided by the almost magical figure of the narrator, whose job covers the world, and who can turn up as required where it's all happening, be it Torremolinos, the Algarve or Marrakech, and who by fictional dispensation has known most of the exhibits since childhood.

In fact, this narrator is in many ways the most convincing character, as he bumbles along, beginning to understand the youthful enthusiasm for, and the possible dangers of, pop music, and the young people's attitudes to life. The "drifters" are more stated than imaginatively presented, and their problems seem much more real than they are. The book is painstaking and thought-provoking, but in the end a thesis-novel that is more thesis than novel.

The five long stories in Daphne du Maurier's *Not After Midnight* are varied in manner and plot, and given settings all over Europe. She cannot write totally unreadable books, but for all her mastery of story-telling, these tales are less than satisfactory: they are, as she has recognised, too slight for full novel treatment, but her talent has always been best adapted to that form, and all but her most devoted followers are liable to be disappointed in this volume.

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U.K. ECONOMIC INDICATORS

General	Unit	1971				1970			
		July	June	May	April	July	June	May	April
Unemployment	'000s	786	724	735	576	797	746	756	583
Unfilled vacancies	'000s	193	196	186	296	246	246	246	246
Bank advances	£m.	5,719	5,762	5,821	5,630	5,663	5,663	5,663	5,663
Gold reserves	£m.	1,108	1,468	1,425	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163
Wage rates	Jan. '66=100	220.7	218.6	218.3	194.6	194.6	194.6	194.6	194.6
Basic materials and fuel prices	1963=100	136.9	137.3	137.2	128.0	128.7	128.7	128.7	128.7
Retail prices	Jan. '62=100	154.3	153.2	152.2	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9
Retail sales val.	1966=100	133.0	131.3	127.5	121.5	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8
H.P. Dairies	£m.	1,297	1,280	1,261	1,201	1,201	1,201	1,201	1,201
Turnover of trade	1961=100	124.6	125.5	122.7	122.1	124.4	124.4	124.4	124.4
Industrial output	1963=100	124.6	125.5	122.7	122.1	124.4	124.4	124.4	124.4
Trade and industry	June	739	707	707	707	707	707	707	707
Imports f.o.b.	£m.	778	733	708	666	666	666	666	666
Exports f.o.b.	£m.	778	733	708	666	666	666	666	666
Visible trade balance	£m.	439	426	411	412	412	412	412	412
Steel (wkly. av.)	'000 tons	139	132	132	132	132	132	132	132
Radios, r/gms./t	'000s	57	63	69	75	75	75	75	75
Man-made fibres	m. lbs.	108.9	116.6	114.1	113.0	111.1	111.1	111.1	111.1
Cars	'000s	156.2	148.2	143.4	143.4	143.4	143.4	143.4	143.4
Comm. vehicles	'000s	44.79	39.17	39.08	41.54	39.23	39.23	39.23	39.23
Cat'ring turnover	1964=100	150	146	146	140	131	131	131	131
Mfr. trl. turnover	1967=100	151	145	142	131	121	121	121	121
Exports on hand	Dec. '63=100	115	117	119	119	119	119	119	119
Hosiery	1963=100**	165	153	151	151	151	151	151	151
Made-up clothing (orders on hand)	Dec. '62=100	176	163	166	146	146	146	146	146
Cement (weekly average)	'000 tons	378	358	328	359	359	359	359	359
Houses complet'd	'000s	27.6	26.7	27.3	28.3	27.3	27.3	27.3	27.3
Furniture	1963=100	133	127	136	112	112	112	112	112
Raw wools	m. kilos	13.1	12.2	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
Bricks	millions	533	578	523	551	551	551	551	551
Electric cookers	'000s	76.3	84.4	76.5	60.1	60.1	60.1	60.1	60.1
Washing machines	'000s	50.3	83.8	60.7	44.2	44.2	44.2	44.2	44.2
Petroleum	m. tons	7.82	8.94	8.47	8.08	8.08	8.08	8.08	8.08
Raw cotton (weekly av.)	'000 tons	2.23	3.32	3.30	3.24	3.24	3.24	3.24	3.24
Textiles (orders on hand)	Dec. '62=100	119	120	120	133	133	133	133	133
Factory approvals	m. sq. ft.	14.9	18.2	33.1	23.6	23.6	23.6	23.6	23.6
Consumer spending	1963 values	5,920	5,813	11,733	5,319	23.4	23.4	23.4	23.4
Machinery tools	£m.	1,238	1,283	1,112	4,971	4,971	4,971	4,971	4,971
Building and civil engineering	£m.	1,238	1,283	1,112	4,971	4,971	4,971	4,971	4,971
Plastics	'000 tons	375.3	358.7	1,463.1	364.7	1.23	1.23	1.23	1.23

* Production. † Deliveries. ‡ Net sales. § Consumption. ¶ All figures Britain, not seasonally adjusted. ** Seasonally adjusted. †† All figures food manufacturing industries. ‡‡ Excluding car radios.

NOTE—Foreign Trade figures are seasonally adjusted.

The Multi-nationals

CHRISTOPHER TUGENDHAT

An interesting, indeed remarkable book on a question of increasing urgency . . . Mr. Tugendhat has called attention to a vitally critical problem. What chance is there that the Democratic Party in America or the Labour Opposition here will sit down and work out a practical method of dealing with it? At the very least they could take this book as an introduction to their new thinking. *Thomas Balogh, New Statesman*
Informative, fair and very readable.
Colin Jones, Financial Times £3.25

EYRE & SPOTTISWOODE

Sincerely Housman

BY JOHN LEHMANN

The Letters of A. E. Housman, edited by Henry Maas. Hart-Davis, £3.50, 437 pages

In a letter to his brother Laurence, in October, 1896, Housman writes: "I ascertained that Hughie Church could not have much of a steeple. But as I had already composed the poem (The Shropshire Lad LXI) and could not invent another name that sounded so nice, I could only deplore that the church at Huggley should follow the bad example of the church at Brou, which persists in standing on a plain after Matthew Arnold has said that it stands among mountains."

The visit to Shropshire, Housman's first, took place six months after *The Shropshire Lad* was published, so that the scholars have in fact known for some time. Chelmsbury and Chelmsbury Hill and Wenlock Edge were shapely places in a Theocretan never-revered land imagined by Housman during the period of "continuous excitement" and had sore throats in 1895. Surely one of the strangest stories of how a famous book of poems came to be written. Nobody knows what the "continuous excitement" for the mysterious trouble on which Housman placed so much emphasis) was caused by; but Mr. Maas, shrewdly I think, suggests that it may have been the combination of the death of his father a few months before and the bullabulaboo and revelations of the Oscar Wilde scandal.

What this large collection of excellently edited letters, about half of the 1,800 that have been traced, makes peculiarly clear, is the disparity between the poems, with their plaintive lamentations, often rather sentimental, often thoroughly morbid, for the failure of love and the flight of youth, with their preoccupation with the banging of "unright lads" and hardy advocacy of suicide, and the personality which Housman

allowed his friends to see. I am not referring to Housman's mercurial, irascible, and to the personality which appears in these letters: they display humour and wit, a fund of friendly sympathy and an extremely sharp observation of the foibles of his fellow-men, and the charm (or otherwise) of places he visited, even at their tersest. Whether he sometimes expressed less controlled emotions, we are unlikely ever to know, but the letters to Maas, Jackson are under a ban, and the letters to Arthur Platt, his close friend and colleague at University College, were destroyed by the widow as being "too Rabelaisian."

In spite of the length of the book, and the extreme brevity of the majority of the letters, I found it continuously readable. I can only pick out a few of the points that were, to me, of intriguing interest. Housman made a habit of travelling, always alone, almost every year, to France or Italy. He generally hired a car when he got there, to make extensive tours, but was a dauntless air-traveller from the earliest moment regular services were established between London and Paris. He had a favourite gondoller in Venice. He appears to have been very fond of Gilbert Murray, and greatly admired Robert Bridges's shorter poems. He had a long, close friendship with his publisher, Grant Richards, which never seems to have been chilled for long by the excruciating misprints he was always finding in edition after edition of the poems. At the same time, he did Richards a disservice by recommending him not to publish an edition in English of Proust—though he was of course right in saying that "the merit of the French is in great part a matter of diction and vocabulary."

He found that Lady Chatterley's Lover "did not inflame my passions to any great extent, but thought it more wholesome

than Frank Harris or James Joyce, and objected to being labelled a Stoic, asserting that he was a Cyrenaic. He wrote continuously to his brother Laurence, of whose work he remained a devastatingly minute critic. His own mother died when he was 12, but he appears to have had a warmly affectionate relationship with his stepmother (and cousin) Lucy. It is, in fact, perhaps surprising, in a letter to her that he offers one of his liveliest efforts in verse of a very different sort from *The Shropshire Lad*. He suggested to her that he could without

Modern times

BY SARAH PRESTON

A Working Life by Polly Toynbee. Hodder and Stoughton, £2.00, 188 pages

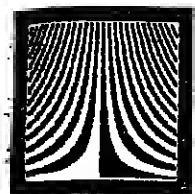
In order to garner material for *A Working Life* Polly Toynbee undertook what can perhaps be described as the opposite of the pre-1914 young man's Grand Tour. Instead of feasting mind and eyes on all the most elevated and beautiful leisure offerings of the world she sought an insight into life by subjecting herself to real working jobs in this country, some of them the most menial she could find.

For a few months she stacked the layers of conveyor belt cakes, she was a hospital ward orderly, she worked on bulb holders at Lucas's, she joined the WRAC, she packed Vim, she went down a coal mine and round steel works. Lever Bros. and Joseph Lucas gave her jobs knowing what she was doing but to the workers and foremen in all her posts she passed herself off as a student. Her cover was certainly good, enough for her Company Com-

much trouble write a Hymn-Book for use in the Salvation Army, and gives a sample: "Hallelujah" was the only observation. That escaped Lieutenant-Colonel Mary Jane. When she tumbled off the platform in the station, and was out to little pieces by the train, Mary Jane, the train is through yet: Hallelujah, Hallelujah! We will gather up the fragments that remain." He adds: "It seems to come quite easy."

In the WRAC to remind her coldly when she exercised her option to leave the service what splendid opportunities Private Toynbee had chosen to reject. She writes wittily and her reflections on her experience are usually acute, though it seems odd that it took a chap at Lucas's to point out to her that there are more unofficial strikes when Labour is in power because the unions find it harder to sanction strikes. The working life her day-book describes is catastrophically depressing. It is not a new idea to expose the tedium of the assembly line or the deadening effect of repetitive, unconstructive work, but her version of *Modern Times* still shocks by its realism. There are still two working nations. Particularly perceptive are the chapters she devotes to the Youth Employment Service and to breadline old age pensioners, showing painfully how, despite everyone's best intentions, the dead-end life takes its toll. This is a serious, intelligent book and it is disturbing that in 1971 it defies a reply.

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The Technical Page

EDITED BY ARTHUR BENNETT AND TED SCHOETERS

LIGHTING

Computer comes to the theatre

ONE of the problems of lighting a performance in the theatre or in a television studio is that although there must be full facilities for pre-programming a lighting sequence in terms of intensities, durations, fade rates and so on, there is also the need to override and possibly even replace future lighting "plots" while the present scene continues in real time, and is perhaps itself needing modification.

Already lighting "plots" can be recorded using magnetic core stores so that operators do not work to complicated lists of light controls, but call up cue numbers on buttons pressed at the appropriate moment.

Such systems, however, once designed for particular characteristics, are permanently wired in and they lack flexibility.

This week, Rank Strand Electric, of King Street, London, W.C.2, E.S.T., has launched what it claims is the first U.K. computer controlled theatrical lighting system. It uses a PDP11 machine from Digital Equipment Company in conjunction with magnetic core and cassette tape storage.

The operator initially selects lighting arrangements from a large push-button light selection matrix for each cue point throughout the performance and enters them to store by depressing buttons on a function panel. Here are two of these, so that they can be used in real time, the other two are to be used for entering other plots into the system for use at other times.

Known as the DDM system (Digital Dimmer Memory) it has the important advantage that the general character of the lighting control for a particular theatre is dictated by software rather than wired components.

But the main advantage to the user is in terms of flexibility. For instance, the two function panels enable different cross fades to occur simultaneously, with fading times ranging from one second to 60 minutes. Furthermore, individual memories can be added or subtracted so that scenes can be prepared as a composite build of any number of memories.

The operator can readily modify existing lighting levels yet he is constantly guided in his actions by comprehensive mimic facilities and the ability to turn easily to the original unmodified state.

The computer operation involves the handling of many "files" of memorised lighting. The high degree of man/machine interaction permissible with DDM means that files must be easily modified but that manually defined changes must be signified by means of appropriate mimics.

Consequently much of the computer's operation is concerned with the retrieval, modification and sorting of files of data. The current system has been built to control 240 ways but the design is expandable up to 360 ways.



Rank Strand System DDM computer-controlled instant dimmer memory. Individual controls for the 240 channels are seen under the operator's left hand on the wing. Dimmer memory controls and numerical selector to break sequence are on the left of the desk and the playback controls are beneath the operator's right hand.

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DATA PROCESSING

Shareholder records on microfiche

employing microfiche technology, the essential details of the 1,400,000 shareholders will occupy the space of only a small book—27,000 times less than the card register filing system currently used at Hill Samuel.

This is the first merchant bank to use microfiche for registration work and it is estimated that the system will cost £100,000 on equipment and a further £100,000 on development costs to bring the system into operation in the Spring of 1972.

Microfiche recording and back-up equipment is being supplied by Datagraphix of Windsor and will work from Hill Samuel's GE425 computer, which will print out on one postcard size piece of microfiche—a microfiche—the summarised details of 6,000 shareholders' accounts in over 200 one-page "takes".

Using a grid reference controlled reader and the microfiche, each share access to the account of any shareholder can be achieved in seven to ten seconds, and Hill Samuel says the system will enable it to take on an increased number of clients and at the same time update share transfers faster.

The summary register, revised daily, will be supplemented by a full register put out regularly by the computer on a total of 55 microfiche cassettes, also capable of very rapid access to shareholder information.

A new company, called Hill Samuel Registrars, has been set up to operate the new system. Among the 130 companies for whom it will provide a registration service are Bass Charrington, the Beecham group, BICC, Great Universal Stores, Hoover, the Rank Organisation and United Drapery Stores.

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PRODUCTS

Diffraction camera

A NEW Guinier camera has been introduced by Pye Unicam of Cambridge. Known as the XDC-700, it is manufactured by Incentive Research and Development of Bromma, Sweden and will be marketed as an addition to the Philips line of X-ray diffraction cameras.

The heart of this camera is the X-ray monochromator. The XDC-700 is supplied with two Johansson type quartz monochromators, one for copper and one for chromium radiation. The quartz crystals are machined using a special high-precision technique developed by Professor Hagg, the designer of the camera. Changing from one wavelength to the other can be performed very rapidly by changing the monochromator holders and repositioning a sledge and a micrometer screw.

The whole camera is enclosed in a vacuum box with a beryllium window. The film cassette has a diameter of 100mm, giving a dispersion equal to that of a Debye camera with a diameter of 200mm.

The camera is supplied with a scale print unit. This prints a high-precision 0.1 mm. division reference scale into the exposed film strip before development, which facilitates the evaluation of the diffraction pattern and gives automatic correction for film shrinkage.

MACHINING

Innovations pay off

TURNOVER of Sandvik U.K., the British end of the Swedish-based international steel and industrial group, is expected to reach a record level in the current year despite the present cut-back in industrial investment.

With a work force of 600, the U.K. company has a current turnover of £10m, giving it an earnings per employee ratio roughly double that of the group as a whole. This success, according to managing director Mr. Peter Wickert, is due largely to the technical innovations that are a feature of the company's operations, coupled with management techniques that are constantly being re-examined and updated.

As an example of the way that technology can improve a company's trading figures, he quoted the gamma-coated tungsten carbide tipped tools that the company manufactures. These will give wear improvements of the order of 300 per cent, while commanding a premium of 50 per cent over ordinary tools of the same type.

As this is the company's centenary year in Britain, Mr. Wickert pointed out that during the last hundred years development had been based on a high degree of specialisation, although in many different fields. Initially, the company started in Sweden, to make steel by the Bessemer process, and had always avoided the temptation to become involved in general purpose manufacture.

In Britain, this has meant a high degree of concentration on improving the qualities and ease of replacement of metalworking tools, but it is also evident in the company's range of cutters for other industries and in the fabrication of wear parts for different applications.

During the last two years the company has set up a plant at Acton, in London, for making cemented carbide parts of all kinds, while at the same time warehousing facilities at Halesowen have been almost trebled.

Over the past five years, the Sandvik group has consistently devoted between 10 and 12 per cent of revenue to research and development in all its fields of activity, including work on new types of saw blades that are said to give the advantages of high-speed cutting, long-life, and high resistance to breakage.

Thin blades solve many problems. COST savings of up to a third on thin knives used for working cutters are claimed for the Fine-Nite technique recently introduced by Wadkin of Green Lane Works, Leicester.

In addition, the company claims, in certain cases, better finish at lower rotational speeds but at feed speeds some 50 or 60 per cent higher than with conventional knives. Balance problems and sharpening are also greatly reduced, in the first case because of the lower rotating mass, and secondly because the edges can be trued and sharpened while the cutterblock is being rotated.

The knives used in the Wadkin system are only 0.7 mm thick, held in the block between a retaining wedge and a backing piece. This in turn is precisely located radially by a slot engaging on two pegs.

Projection of the knife edge beyond the cutter face is controlled by adjuster, and the distance easily set by a simple gauge. Accuracy on this dimension is said to be a major factor in securing an exceptionally clean finish, particularly on woods with curly grain.

Again, because of the very small overhang of the blade there is less chance of the edge being damaged by chipping. The overhang, between 0.5 and 1.5 mm, also reduces wear when working gritty timbers.

Although the blade is easily adjusted or even replaced, experience has shown that the edge can be resharpened up to ten times before adjustment becomes necessary.

ANDY McELROY

PROCESSES

Perfume in print

"SUCK it and see" used to be the message now it's "scratch it and sniff." The process of micro-encapsulation of fragrances as applied to printed advertising is fairly well known. Two large American companies, NCR and 3M, are now established in this field.

But now a British system of applying fragrances and flavours to advertising literature, based on a different process, has been announced by Croda International, the chemical company well known for its gelatin manufacture, and Wass Pritchard and Co., a specialist offset litho printing concern.

Just about a year ago Mr. William H. Wass, managing director of the printing company, approached Croda's technical director, Dr. W. M. McKernan, seeking information on this subject.

The ensuing process is based on some earlier development work of Croda's concerning a highly specialised gelatin known as Crotein. Liquid fragrances blended with a solution of Crotein at a temperature of under 25 degrees C result in a fine emulsion.

In order to make a powder, this emulsion is first subjected to a pretreatment to impart moisture resistance to the capsules and is then spray dried. In effect, each particle of the powder consists of a core of the fragrance encapsulated in a dry Crotein wall.

Croda's process requires only

gelatin and other polymers, like gum acacia, are not used. Capsules containing up to 50 per cent by weight of fragrance are claimed for this process as against the 25 per cent. All more common with conventional spray-dried processes.

With the information obtained by Mr. Wass, his company developed a dry system of applying the micro-capsules during the printing process. In fact the normal colour lithographic process is completed and then an adhesive is applied to the precise area to be treated.

Fragrant powder

The fragrant powder is then applied to the adhesive and once any excess is removed by partial vacuum, a layer of one capsule thickness results in about 6m. capsules covering each square inch.

This process was first used by Elida-Gibbs (a Unilever company) in publicising its latest deodorant "Shield". Almost 5m. leaflets were distributed through household letter boxes inviting the recipients to "scratch it and sniff" the actual perfume used in the deodorant.

Of course, this form of advertising is most appropriate for perfume goods, foods and drinks, but so far experiments with coffee, peppermint, pineapple and pipe have also proved successful.

In the case of the Croda/Wass process, it is the printer who is responsible for marketing the

service, unlike previous experiments, where the micro-capsule makers themselves have undertaken the job.

A five-year exclusive agreement has been reached between both companies. Croda not only stands to benefit from its royalty agreement, but more, in fact, from the sale of its raw material Crotein.

Other areas where Croda hopes to exploit the process of micro encapsulation of aromas and flavours include abrasive cleaners and detergents, where the harsh bleach compounds attack perfumes. Also, in the food industry, where the process can be used to introduce flavours like ginger and cinnamon into biscuits and cakes, for example.

For its part, Wass Pritchard is about to circulate various companies likely to be interested in this technique with a brochure describing the process, which it is calling Aromacolour.

MARTIN ROUTH

Continuous filtration

LATEST addition to the liquid/solid separation equipment, manufactured at Colchester, Essex, by the Payman Process Plant Division of English Electric Diesels is a rotary vacuum filter which combines continuous belt discharge with continuous belt washing. This provides an efficient method for discharging the filtered cake from slurries which are difficult to separate by other methods, says the company.

Manufactured in sizes from 3

to 700 square feet, the principal advantages claimed for the filter are the substantial cost saving which result from fully continuous operation and high specific rates of filtration.

In water pollution control—a application for which the filter has been specially developed—chemically-conditioned sewage sludges can be dried at greatly increased rates of production.

The continuous filtration cycle is achieved by the use of a belt of filter cloth, which is supported by a series of rollers. The slurry is applied to the belt which slowly rotates partially submerged in the slurry. A pump creates an internal vacuum which sucks the liquid through the filter medium leaving the solid in the form of cake on the surface.

Having passed around the driving drum, the belt separates from the drum and the solids are removed by a cake discharge roller prior to the belt passing through a water spray for cleaning before rejoining the drum: the start of another filtration cycle.

With continual washing in this manner, blockage of the filter surface is eliminated. The filter is thus particularly suitable where the cake is of a sticky or clogging nature.

Precision filters

TO MEET increasing demand from industry for precision air filters for use with air bearings, J. Goulder and Sons, Kirkcaldy, Fife, have introduced two new air filtration units.

The company, which makes a range of air-bearing-based roundness and cylindrical form measuring instruments, has designed the new units following extensive research into methods of air filtration, in addition to a manually-operated air filter box. Goulder has produced what is believed to be the most commercially available automatic air filtration system.

For optimum performance the clearance between the rotating members of the air bearings, in both size and geometric form, is only millionths of an inch. The smallest dust particle can provide disastrous and for this reason the air supply must be filtered.

Both the new units use a series of filters for this purpose which do not allow a particle greater than one micron (40 micro-inches) to pass through the system.

When an air bearing spindle is motorised it is essential that the motor's power supply is switched off if the air supply fails. The automatic filter unit has a built-in power supply to the motor which cuts off the current automatically when the air supply fails. If filter elements become clogged and all pressure drops by 10 psi, the electrical supply is again switched-off automatically. A built-in system of warning lights inform an operator of impending shut-down.

Moisture filtration is coped with by a cyclonic filter but in cases of air lines with high moisture content, Goulder recommends additional filtration or an air drying system.

BAKING

Mechanising the bakery

RELATIVELY few engineers have turned their attention to the medium and smaller units in the baking and confectionery industry, although in others they far predominate. enterprising small company has set its sights at this market is Mateline Automation, Tedditch, Worcs.

Mateline is mechanising making of pastry shells for pies and it has now turned attention to making custard shells with an automated line suitable for mini pork pies, ice pies and jam tarts.

Answering a problem from Ferraris Bakery, Hlruwan, which has 14 retail outlets in South Wales and also supplies other retailers, Mateline devised a special purpose machine which, says Ferraris, makes as many custard tart shells with two operators working for three hours as it took six a full eight hour shift.

The machine automatically dispenses foil into a duplex conveyor track that travels beneath a duplex dividing mechanism accurately dispensing paste into each foil. The conveyor then moves under duplex blocking dies in which the shells are formed. The two operators load tart shells on to trays in preparation for baking and also maintain supplies of tarts and paste.

PETER CARTWRIGHT

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* This new development expected to make material contribution to profits in year commencing April 1972.

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Group Profit on Trading	336,077	416,227
Group Profit for the Year	305,577	459,127
Net accounting for loss (profit) on lead price		
taxation on Profits for the Year	111,480	209,775
Dividends (Gross), of 40% (36%)	100,000	90,000

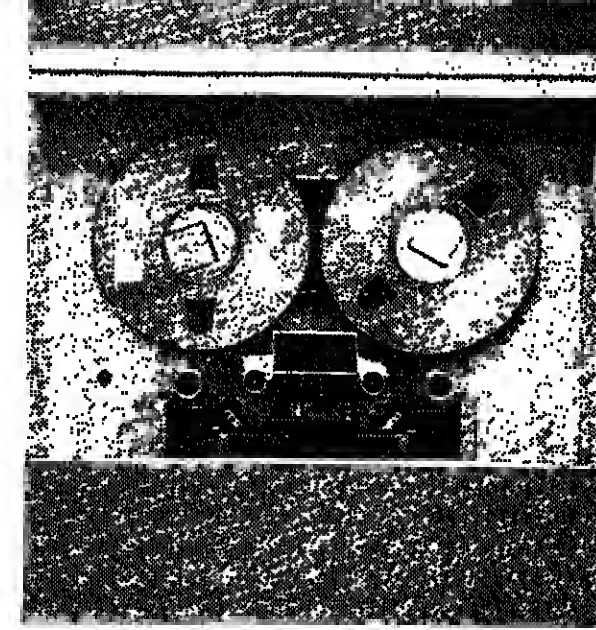
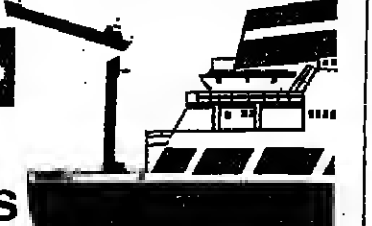
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ANNUAL STATEMENTS

W. & J. GLOSSOP LIMITED
SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER
EARNINGS

The 36th annual general meeting of W. & J. Glossop Limited was held on July 28 at Halifax, Mr. V. C. JONES (the Chairman) presiding.

The following is an extract from his circulated statement:— "Whilst we were faced with ever increasing rising costs, highly competitive conditions and a restricted volume of available work in the year under review, it is my pleasure to report a substantial increase in profit—the highest for the last five years."

The Group accounts for the year ended 31st January 1971 show a profit of £243,451 before taxation compared with £194,926 for the previous year, a satisfactory increase of £48,525, almost 25%. Corporation tax at 10% absorbs £86,704 of this profit against £77,201 last year. Selective Employment Tax additional to Corporation Tax has again taken some £8,500 of profit, earnings compared with £72,000 last year.

The Directors recommend a final dividend of 12½% plus a bonus of 2½% which will make the total distribution for the year £20%, an increase of 3½% on last year, the cover on the dividend this year being 1.33.

Turnover of the Parent Company does show an increase of some 5% but Trading Profit is only marginally up, whilst depreciation charged for the year is some £5,500 higher. To achieve these results in a year of abnormal inflation, and with price contracts imposed upon us must be considered satisfactory, which again emphasizes the advantageous nature of our spread of activities and specialised operations.

Subsidiaries
Our subsidiary Company, S. Sutcliffe & Son Ltd., again made a satisfactory contribution to the results. Rowley Plant Co. Ltd. has this year returned to some thing more like its normal profitability and has made a useful contribution to the profits of the Group. Allisgus Ltd., our Road Directional Warning and other signs manufacturing Company, has substantially overcome its difficulties of last year, and whilst not making any contribution to the Group profits, was not the unfortunate drain upon these, as was the case last year.

Current Conditions
With regard to the current year, rising costs and highly competitive conditions still obtain.

Every effort is made to anticipate and combat such an inflationary spiral, and its effects upon profit margins. The reduction made in Corporation Tax and the halving, from July of this year, of Selective Employment Tax are welcome gestures. We look forward to the day when the remaining 30 per cent. of the Selective Employment Tax will be phased out. Under these inflationary conditions the Government insistence upon 'Fixed price Contracts' for a period up to two years is an unreasonable demand to make upon our particular branch of industry, particularly so, when all those associated with such industry, some of them State controlled, are at liberty to increase prices as and when they consider fit. Strong representations are constantly being made against this iniquitous position but so far without avail.

Forecasts at this early stage, under prevailing conditions would be misleading. I can, however, say that at the end of the first quarter of the current financial year, turnover of the Parent Company was up by 14% whilst the order book and forward work position was almost 50% ahead of the comparative quarter last year. The Rowley Plant Co. Ltd. and S. Sutcliffe & Son Ltd., are maintaining their progress of last year, whilst Allisgus Ltd., has turned the corner and is showing a small profit. These are early days but with the good start to the year's operations, the knowledge that our organisation can face up to difficult conditions, as demonstrated by the results achieved in the year under review it would not be too much to anticipate that this year will show some growth in turnover with maintenance of our profit margins.

Prosperous Future
The country's need for a Road system to cope with present and future traffic flow, together with the urgent need of adequate maintenance must, in the long term, foretell a prosperous future for our highly skilled and specialised industry. We are well equipped and geared to take full advantage of such a future.

Once again I would express my sincere thanks to my co-Directors, our Branch Managers, Staff and personnel for their loyal support and untiring efforts during the year.

The report was adopted.

Vehicle and General Tribunal of Inquiry
Premium level overtaken
by inflation

THE Vehicle and General Tribunal set up by Parliament to inquire into "a definite matter of urgent public importance" is hardly playing to packed houses. Every morning the three-man tribunal, under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice James, takes its place on the dais at Church House, Westminster, to face a phalanx of counsel and solicitors and row upon row of public seats.

Interest in the proceedings since the excitement of the first few days when the tribunal examined the alleged leak of information has been minimal. Yesterday only a handful of spectators came to listen to the cross-examination of a witness from the Department of Trade and Industry. They had the choice of any of 600 seats.

The lack of interest is understandable, because without access to what must be hundreds of documents available only to the parties, it is impossible to understand fully and follow the complicated proceedings. Nor is it particularly easy to hear, despite the thoughtful

Ultimate cost

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provision of 40 microphones as acoustic aids. Officials said they were unable at this stage to give an estimate of the cost of mounting the Tribunal, and they were anxious to stress that the number of spectators did not necessarily indicate the measure of public interest. They pointed out that there was a considerable volume of hidden interest by policy-holders who would not necessarily bother to attend the hearings. The Press too, was keeping the public up-to-date, they said.

Yesterday—day 14—the effects of inflation on V & G were brought out when Mr. Michael Kerr, QC, a member of the Tribunal, questioned Mr. Cyril Homewood, an Assistant Secretary of the DTI.

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from inflation. He added: "We have been having reports recently from motor insurers in this country that they have been losing as much as 30 per cent. on their 1970 motor business."

A large element in this underwriting loss figure would be the estimation of the ultimate cost of settling claims still outstanding and, in part, their actual incurred costs of claims settled.

But the fact that this increase in cost produced a loss of that order was an indication of the extent to which the general run of the market premium level was overtaken by inflation.

A large part of the figure which had been mentioned could have been exactly parallel with that experienced in other companies, arising from the general market situation of inflation.

It was coming at a time after the end of tariffs in 1968 when the market became more competitive—and it was the worst possible time.

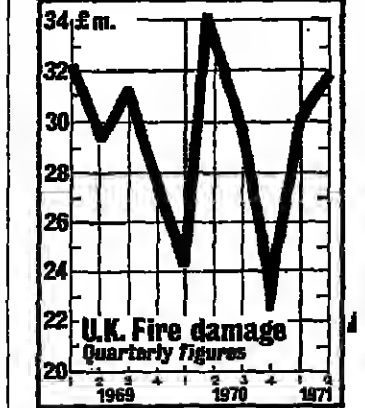
Mr. John Arnold, QC, for the tribunal, said this was a terribly important point which could affect the line of questioning. The inquiry continues to-day.

Record
half-year
for fire
damage

FIRE DAMAGE in the U.K. cost a record £62m. in the first six months of the year, the British Insurance Association announced yesterday. The estimated total for the same period of 1970 was £58m.

Even a June total of £10.5m., which was £3.5m. lower than the figure estimated for June, 1970, was not sufficient to prevent damage rising to a six-month high.

The largest fire in June was in the Midlands and involved



£750,000 damage to a printing works and food packing warehouse.

Fires, each estimated to have cost about £500,000, occurred at a fibre spinners in the South West, a chemical works in North East England, and a Midlands car accessories plant.

Two others are estimated to have cost more than £250,000, and six between £100,000 and £250,000. These calculations represent material damage only and do not take into account disruption of business, loss of production or loss of exports.

Mr. Gerald Eastham, acting chairman of the Central Fire Liaison Panel, pointed out yesterday that the Government and fire authorities made an annual investment of more than £70m. in the Fire Service. Industry's full co-operation was needed to make that investment effective, since too many large fires indicated delayed calls to the fire services.

Soviet five times stronger
in Med. over five years

BY JAMES McDONALD, SHIPPING CORRESPONDENT

THE QUESTION of who fears each other's ships the most—the U.S. or the USSR—is posed by the editor of Jane's Fighting Ships in the foreword of the 1971-72 issue, published to-day.

Mr. Raymond Blackman, the editor, suggests that the Soviet Union is just as concerned about a threat to her overseas trade and ultimate security, by the knitting together of NATO navies and the deployment of western fleets the breadth of the Atlantic and Pacific away from their homelands, as is the U.S. about the scattering of the Soviet Navy.

The USSR, he writes, now has a naval force in the Mediterranean five times stronger than five years ago to counter the presence of the American Sixth Fleet.

Mr. Blackman says the size and capabilities of the U.S. Navy continue to decline at an alarming rate.

The only category of warship in which the U.S. Navy maintains a decisive advantage is the aircraft carrier. "Yet this margin of superiority over the other super-power is narrowing as the number of attack carriers in commission is reduced."

Turning to the British Navy, Mr. Blackman says that, smaller though it was, the new style cruiser-carrier did not appear to be any less complex or cheaper. The first would probably cost £50m. "The constant fear of the Royal Navy is that it will price itself out of existence."

Mr. Blackman also points to the problems of sustaining the European ocean trade routes

New society
set up for
rail marketing

A RAILWAY Marketing Society has been set up by senior rail managers to improve marketing standards throughout the railway industry. The society, with members at Board, regional and divisional headquarters, will discuss all aspects of marketing, which will be developed through study groups, lectures, talks and written papers.

Mr. Peter Bearcroft, Western Region freight manager and the society's first chairman, says: "The society will fight for the future of the railway industry so it can play its full part in the country's national transport system."

"We believe in expansion of our transport contracting. To achieve this we must improve professionalism and stimulate new thinking away from the committee room atmosphere. Our first concern must be our customers. Emphasis on selling rail transport must be aimed more specifically at what the market needs."

Nearly 40 rail executives from all BR departments have joined the London founder group. Leading industrialists will be asked to participate in discussions on controversial issues in marketing.

'Define policy on
research' call

BY DAVID FISLOCK, SCIENCE EDITOR

DEEP CONCERN with the Government's failure to spell out a policy for civil research and development, coupled with indications that industry intends to cut back on longer term research, has prompted publication of two interim reports from the House of Commons Select Committee on Science and Technology.

These reports are based on evidence submitted in May by Ministers responsible for two different aspects of Government research.

Mr. David Price gave evidence on the Department of Trade and Industry's £174m. research and development effort, and Mrs. Margaret Thatcher on the £100m. effort by the Research Councils, funded by the Department of Education and Science.

Mr. Price said, in reviewing those activities programme by programme, it had inherited a summary of all opinions received or the proposal for a research corporation, and while there was "a good deal of respect for the analysis of the outstanding problems," the Government was not well disposed towards the solution.

Personally, added Mr. Price, he did not believe there was a universal answer. No major announcement on its policy towards research and development should be anticipated, the DTI said yesterday.

Expert panel
In response to an earlier report of the Select Committee on population in the U.K., the Government has announced that a panel of Government and independent experts is being set up to study population questions.

The Select Committee had urged that a special office, directly responsible to the Prime Minister, should be established to prevent population problems becoming intolerable. But the Government did not think a new piece of permanent official machinery was the answer at this stage.

Chairman of the panel will be Mr. Richard Ross, an economist at the Cabinet Office.

Second Report, Select Committee on Science and Technology, Session 1970-71, Research Councils, SO, 35p.

Third Report, Select Committee on Science and Technology, Session 1970-71, Research Councils, Development Activities of the Department of Trade and Industry, SO, 35p.

Fourth Report, Select Committee on Science and Technology, Session 1970-71, Population of the U.K., SO, £2.40.

Terrorism: Belfast
team to press for
"tougher action"

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

BELFAST, July 28. Six leaders of a parade place that is burnt, every newspaper picture of a riot may represent a job irretrievably lost.

Troops to-day continued their down raids with searches in the Falls Road area of Belfast. The uncovered a quantity of arms and explosives, including 25 detonators.

Meanwhile, the Ulster Loyalist Association, headed by the former Minister of Home Affairs, Mr. William Craig, dismissed suggestions that there should be a full time battalion of the Ulster Defence Regiment.

Mr. Craig, said the association, should be with a force under the control of the Northern Ireland Government. It renewed its call for reconstitution of the B Specials.

Orangemen at Dungiven (Co. Londonderry) lost month in celebration of a Government by were sentenced to-day to 24 months imprisonment, suspended for three years.

GERMAN BOOST
FOR N. IRELAND

Arnitz Belting, a West German company, is to expand its 130 worker Londonderry factory, providing a further 65 jobs most for men. The existing production rate is almost 10,000 bolts a day.

Announcing the expansion, Mr. Robin Baile, the Northern Ireland Minister of Commerce, said yesterday: "Expansion by West German industry in Northern Ireland is relatively common. Of nine companies already here seven have gone beyond their original target."

Arnitz Belting is a subsidiary of Hoesler's Gummifabrikanten Emil Arnitz KG, whose head quarters are at Hoesler, near Hanover.

BEECHWOOD
CONSTRUCTION LIMITED

Extracts from the Statement of the Chairman for the year ended 31st March, 1971

- Group profit after taxation is £174,591 compared with £120,340 for the previous year.
- Profit margins fully maintained and a record turnover achieved.
- Final dividend of 40% making 55% for the year as compared with a total dividend of 47½% for the previous year.
- Board expects further progress in the current year.

DIRECTORS

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FENCHURCH INSURANCE HOLDINGS LIMITED

RESULTS TO 31ST MARCH	1971	1970
Profit before tax	625,429	514,946
Net equity earnings	365,377	268,881
Dividends per share	4.7p	3.9p
	45%	40%

- ★ Recent acquisitions: J. B. Wimble & Co. Ltd. and Canada Britannia Insurance Brokers Ltd.
- ★ Income derived from overseas business has increased to 23% from 17% in 1970.
- ★ Mr. Harry Kissin, Chairman, states:

"The company is now in a strong position, following the steps that have been taken both in terms of management and also in the services it can provide to clients, to take the maximum advantage of the changes that are occurring in the insurance industry. With the influx of new ideas and new management, there is every reason to believe that the results for the current and future years will reflect the forward progress of the group in terms of increased profits."

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from The Secretary, Plantation House, Mincing Lane, London, E.C.3.

BURNHOLME & FORDER LIMITED

Application for restoration of quotation and permission to deal in 4,234,145 Ordinary Shares of 10p each of the Company has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange, London, and it is expected that dealings will recommence on Friday, 30th July, 1971.

Copies of a circular dated 7th July, 1971, which has been despatched to shareholders, are available to members of the public and can be obtained at the Company's Brokers:

GULL & CO.,
4 TOKENHOUSE BUILDINGS,
KING'S ARMS YARD,
LONDON, EC2R 7AE.

Smithfield & Zwanenberg
GROUP LIMITED

Year ended 31st March	1971	1970
Sales	£44,112,000	£40,688,000
Group Profit:		
before Taxation	511,000	468,000
after Taxation	331,000	325,000
Total Assets Employed	3,660,000	3,427,000
Earnings Per Share	35½p	33½p

Salient points from the circulated statement by the Chairman, Mr. J. G. Claffett:—

★ This has been an eventful year, with progress in consolidation of the basic structures of the organisation—a process which will continue. We have strengthened our position in some spheres of operations.

★ The Directors are recommending a Dividend of 16% (15½%).

★ In the Feeding Stuffs, Fats and Oils Division the year commenced with high market values but in the last few months of the year there was a sudden and unexpected downturn in demand for protein meals of animal origin. Meat Division has continued to make progress and we are now in a strong position to secure an increasing share of the home market. Pet Food Division traded satisfactorily and a record turnover was achieved. In spite of a difficult situation with regard to bacon and canned meats, Providents and Canned Goods Division, particularly the provisions section, has had a reasonable measure of success. Under Other Activities provender milling, wool merchandising and blending continued to be profitable and fellmongery had a better year. Our merchandising company was affected by the lessening of demand in the pet food industry, the national dock strike, and strikes overseas.

★ The early months of the current year continued with the low demand for animal protein and the extremely short supply of beef; we should see a stimulation of demand in the Autumn for both of these principal products and I expect the results for the current year to continue their progressive trend.

H. C. JAMES LTD.

Annual General Meeting, July 28, Luton

Highlights from the circulated review of the Chairman, Mr. L. B. Sell:

- ★ Group pre-tax profits rose by 10½% to a record level.
- ★ Our housebuilding companies handed over to private purchasers 16% more houses in 1970/71 than in the previous year, and it is planned to continue this trend in the current year. We have adequate land stocks to satisfy an expanding programme.

Rents received amounted to £159,939. It is anticipated that the number of flats in the U.K. built by us and let will have increased from 252 to 410 by the end of the current financial year.

An ever increasing demand for our houses, matched with available resources to meet it, together with a further advance in our rental revenue in the U.K., are good indications of our prospects for the current year. I have confidence in our future.

Summary of Results

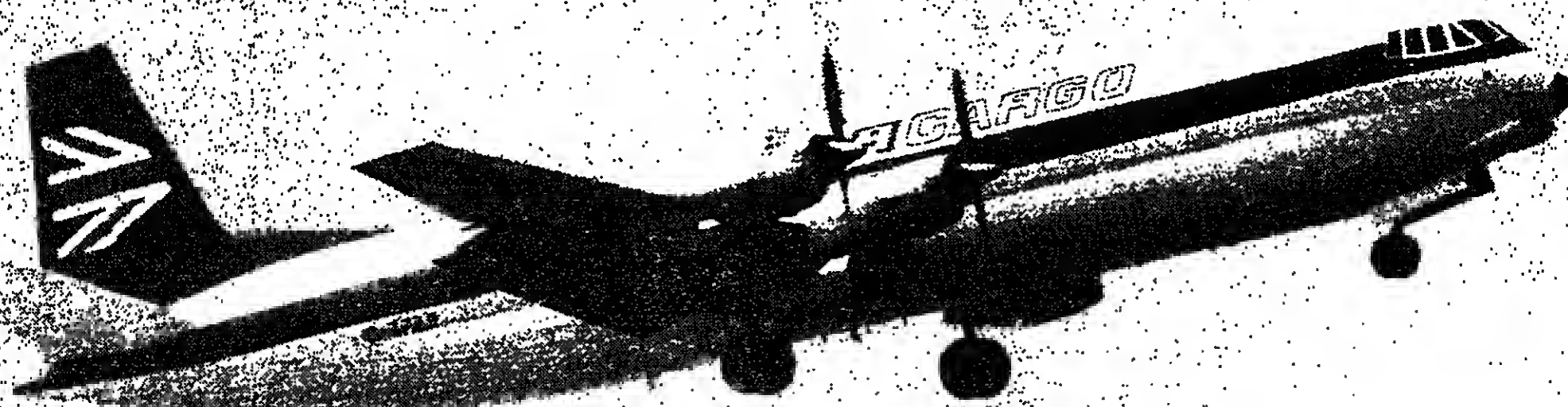
	1971	1970
Group Profit before Taxation	842,268	762,007
Taxation	317,849	304,161
Group Profit after Taxation	524,419	457,846
Total Dividend	18%	16%

Copies of the Report and Accounts can be obtained from The Secretary, James House, Luton, Beds.

The JAMES Group

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It's a BEA Merchantman.
It flies cargo from the principal cities
of Britain to the principal cities of Europe.
Straight there—and straight back.
As the crow flies.

No transshipping to other aircraft en
route. No time, money or goods lost en
route.

BEA have a whole fleet of
Merchantmen. More freighter services
flying to more points in Europe than any
other airline.

And BEA is the only freight airline in
Europe specialising on Europe.

Which is something else to crow about.

BEA CARGO
As the crow flies.



The Marketing Scene

DISTRIBUTION SURVEY

Extra load for manufacturers

BY KELSEY VAN MUSSCHENBROEK

The fact that consumer goods manufacturers are now more involved in distribution than they were 40 years ago could lead to higher retail prices in the long run. This is the most striking, and potentially the most controversial conclusion of a report published today by the Distributive Trades' Little Noddy. Moreover, the report makes it clear that the manufacturers' increased role in distribution has taken place not despite the much vaunted supermarket revolution, but precisely because of it.

Such a finding seems to be completely at odds with the April 1971 Prices and Incomes Board report on food distribution which concluded that the supermarket multiples had become "a great deal more efficient in the whole process of distribution" and had raised food retailing standards. The Little Noddy report deals with the channels and costs of distribution in the North East (Northumberland, Durham, North Riding of Yorkshire) of seven product groups, covering 45 commodities with retail sales of more than £200m. a year in 1968-69—the period under consideration. The seven groups are groceries, confectionery, cigarettes, clothing, electrical goods, household durables and other household items.

What seems to have been happening, says Noddy, is that manufacturers have been forced by retail strength to deliver a higher proportion of their products directly to the retail outlet. Previously it was more common for the retailer to be responsible for the distribution of products from the central depot to retail outlets.

At odds

This may have led to an improvement in the efficiency of the distribution system in the short run. "Multiples, by aggressive purchasing, a keen eye on stock control and an attention to operations may reduce the real distributive costs. But, equally, such action may lead to higher prices in the long run as manufacturers are forced by retailing strength to make a number of uneconomic drops at multiples' retail branches," says the report.

In all, some 71 per cent of the £200m. worth of consumer goods sampled were delivered directly from manufacturers to retail outlets or retail depots. Over three-quarters of confectionery and cigarettes and 80 per cent of clothing passed straight from the manufacturer to the shop. Even for electrical goods, where some major manufacturers had given up selling direct to the trade, only 30 per cent of sales went through a secondary distributive channel.

The report found that selling costs (including transport, storage, selling, advertising, market research and so on) accounted for between 10 and 30 per cent of manufacturers' total costs, with most companies falling in the 15-20 per cent range.

Furthermore, there were signs that since 1938 increased handling and distributive activity had led to a marginal increase in total selling costs as a proportion of overall costs. Chocolate, canned vegetables, coffee, furniture, carpets, footwear, shirts, women's underwear—all these items manufacturers' distribution costs had risen. On the other hand, in breakfast cereals, tea, household textiles, paint and radios distribution costs had fallen.

At the same time, the study does point out that retail margins "dominated the structure of selling costs." In non-food the retailers' margin accounted for over 60 per cent of the selling costs, and even in the more competitive area of grocery retailing margins constituted 40 per cent or more of selling costs in all cases except meat.

The Little Noddy was clearly disturbed to find that despite the greater involvement of manufacturers in distribution there was little evidence any budget control on this side of the industry. Costings tended to be based on experience or arbitrary judgment rather than a cost appraisal of the situation based on such factors as optimum vehicle operating

capacity for various route mileages. "To what extent this lack of control has been to the detriment of the consumer in the form of high prices is not known."

At the same time, Noddy found that previous requirements for the wholesaler have been premature. Despite the growth of the multiples and the greater involvement of manufacturers in distribution, the wholesaler has

cigarettes, however, the situation is not so buoyant for the wholesaler: he now handles about a quarter of these goods, compared with 50-60 per cent before the war. The change is even more marked in the case of clothing where wholesalers account for less than a fifth of the business, against 70-80 per cent pre-war.

If the Noddy study has produced few surprises as far as wholesalers are concerned, the

ALLOCATION OF MANUFACTURERS' COSTS

Commodities	Production	Selling	Administration
Baked beans	70	15	15
Sweet puddings	65	19	17
Canned soup	64	16	20
Tea	68	10	2
Sausages	62	16	2
Coffee	69	31	4
Chocolate bars	73	23	4
Cider	48	32	19
Canned beer	84	14	2
Garden seeds	60	15	25
Portable radios	76	16	8
Women's underwear	54	33	12
Beds	72	18	10
Shirts	67	21	11
Men's shoes	63	37	3
Bread	50	50	0
Paint	74	13	13
Evaporated milk	76	21	3
Breakfast cereals	49	30	21
Sheets	82	8	10
Carpets	70	11	20

held the ground remarkably well. In food, for example, wholesalers handled 31 per cent of the trade sample, against 37 per cent of a similar sample in 1938. Overall, they accounted for 20 per cent of all the product groups investigated, outside clothing.

As might have been expected the growth of the wholesaler-based voluntary groups for retailers, coupled with the spread of cash and carry wholesaling, have been the main reasons for the survival of wholesalers, especially on the grocery side.

In chocolate confectionery and

some cannot be said of the implications of manufacturers' increased involvement in distribution. On an issue which the PIB simply ducked, the message from Noddy is clear enough: the power of grocery chains means they have been able to shunt their distribution problems off to the manufacturers who are arguably not the best people to solve them. This immediately raises the question of just where the supermarket revolution is leading us.

Channels and Costs of Distribution in the NE Region. HMSO.



This is a still from one of the new series of Heinz baked beans commercials which begin transmission next week. Obviously the company, and agency Young and Rubicam, were pleased enough with last season's formula of using children reciting verses to repeat it. In all 800 children were screened and eight commercials have been made—double last year's number. Most of the children interviewed came from personal contacts—stage school children are too mannered and predictable, and, remarkably, a Press advertisement for children to appear on television only drew in two replies: parents fear exploitation of their children, although those used by Heinz could expect to earn around £100 during the months of screening.

Agency News

● Osborne-Peacock, a member of the Osborne Group, reports a 17 per cent increase in billings for the year to March 31. This amounted to £1.4m. but billings now are £2.2m.

● Wilson Advertising, Manchester, now acts for ICI Organic Division. The Division is a result of the amalgamation of the chemical giant's Dyestuffs and Nobel Divisions, apart from explosives. The first campaign to promote the new division is to break in this paper on August 25.

From September 1 Roe Commission is to handle Meggason Thompson tablets under an appointment by Walter Laboratories, a subsidiary of the American Schering-Plough Corporation. The initial budget is some £40,000 but the agency is to examine some development projects.

● Merchant banker Leopold Joseph's bank and notation advertising has been placed with Brockie Hissell and Allen.

● A promotional drive for the Irish Fashion group in October in London will be handled by Crone Alexander.

● Wilfred H. Beale has been made deputy chairman of the management board of Young and Rubicam and senior vice-president of Y and R International.

£300,000 for Mallerman

MALLERMAN, Summerfield James, the new agency whose formation was reported on July 22, has won two accounts with billings totalling £300,000.

One is the Richard Shops chain of retail fashion shops which is part of United Drapery Stores Group. This represents half the billings for the agency and a campaign is scheduled to open in the Press in September.

The second is Van Hengten carpet tile and the budget covers both media and below-the-line advertising. In four years Heuga carpet tiles have reached a 10 per cent share of the contract market. A campaign planned for the tiles will also be in the Press.

TELEVISION ADVERTISING

Making hay while the sun shines

BY ANTHONY THORNCROFT, MARKETING EDITOR

SO THE television contractors are having a good year. Advertising revenue in the first six months totalled £82.8m., the highest yet recorded and 14 per cent up on 1970. Of course there were some exceptional features in the heavy and unanticipated advertising by newspapers at the time of the Daily Mail relaunch and the strike at Granada in 1970 which makes strict comparison difficult. Even so, taken with the halving of the levy and the prospects of an even higher revenue in the autumn, the ITV companies can afford to be cheerful.

After all there may be troubles ahead. The development in recent weeks of a bandwagon for ITV 2 by the largest contractors is a direct sign of their apprehension about the growth of BBC 2. At the moment only 55 per cent of sets can receive BBC 2 programmes so that on the charts the BBC 2 share of the total audience rarely rises above 8 per cent. But if you examine homes with all three channels the BBC 2 audience doubles, and when you compare viewing figures during those hours that BBC 2 is transmitting its audience share on average is nearer 18 per cent. And every time a colour set is acquired there is a pronounced switch to BBC 2 which has many programmes geared to make the most of colour. In addition, the BBC spends a vast amount of time publicising all its channels, and has the bonus of being able to experiment with ideas and programmes on BBC 2. The ITV companies must commit themselves cold.

Obvious cycle

At the moment ITV can live with this competition. Indeed last week all the property popular programmes were on the commercial channel. But in the future ITV's audience share seems certain to drop from around 50 per cent to nearer 40 per cent. Already one relatively small advertiser has withdrawn from the London area will almost certainly take the cost per thousand homes for a 30-second spot to nearly £1 and it is estimated that it will need a 25 per cent increase in revenue to make the Thames rate card

ITV has not altered much over the years, working out at 80p per second against 110p in October 1968 and 100p in October 1969. But this could change if there is heavy demand from advertisers, and agencies cannot take advantage of discounts. It is obvious really: when there is a strong demand for television time the cost shoots up; some companies feel it is too expensive and withdraw. The market weakens and the companies that continue to advertise get time cheaply. This attracts back more advertisers, and the cycle starts again.

Five levels

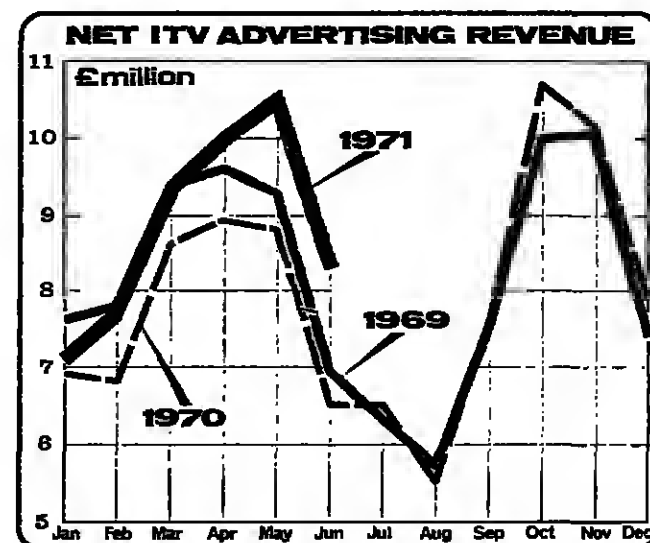
The contractors confidently expect demand to be particularly strong this autumn. Most agencies agree with them. July has not been good but then it rarely is. Come October and advertising expenditure should be rising sharply in line with business confidence. It is in anticipation of this trend that the ITV contractors have raised their rates by between 3 to 17 per cent across the board. Thames has gone even further, as George Pincus, of Benton and Bowles points out in the following assessment: "The Thames rate card introduces five levels in what must be the most complicated rate structure ever introduced—it is rumoured that a Parliamentary legal draftsman was brought in to assist. The new structure created by this structure calls for the time buyer to exercise all his ingenuity. Not only must he be able to judge the market to a hair's breadth, but when selecting these spots for his pre-empt bids he must ensure that though they are reasonably efficient, they are not so obviously so that they are automatically pre-empted by someone else."

London Weekend Television, now with its new sales management team effective has opted for advanced booking discounts and some pretty large rate increases. The effect of the tightening-up in the London area will almost certainly raise the cost per thousand homes for a 30-second spot to nearly £1 and it is estimated that it will need a 25 per cent increase in revenue to make the Thames rate card

pre-empt structure work. The regional contractors must also in by the tight week coverage clauses were powerless as the ITV ratings slumped. In pique they moved a lot of their expenditure out of television in 1968. What worries Mike Firman is not so much that BBC 2 will

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in providing mass appeal programmes and thus reduce viewers' choices. In addition is doubtful whether new investors would be prepared to invest in commercial television if their contracts are limited at the most, three years. Alternatively, if the second channel is to the existing ITV contract there will be widespread protest at the confirming of a monopoly. Most advertisers want different contractors (or at least the current contractors) operating different regions—Ron Hulst of Beechams made this clear last week. Most agencies favour new companies, who they might hope to score. Some, however, feel that it have won most of the bait with the existing companies that two ITV channels run the same contractors would prove the chances for experimentation for specialist programmes, geared at gardening, sports, AB's etc., and for ease in high



Temptation

The decision is the move, however, and Mr. Chataway, who the immediate job of launching his controversial commercial radio to birth, can secure a second ITV to create off some of the not in plentiful advertising cash which is available. There must be a temptation to let things drift until 1976, perhaps reducing the levy to placate the contractors. And then by 1976 who knew there might be some kind of fusion between the BBC and ITV?

However ITA contractors have been successful with their lobbying in the past. They are likely to get an extension broadcasting hours next year, they can feel that there is a £30m. in advertising revenue around to finance ITV 2 (a they certainly have the production capacity to make programmes) they may persuade the Government to allow a second channel in the mid regions. But this remains a problem for the long term. In next few months they will more actively employed in their advertising custom value for money.

Wells talks to the City

By Pamela Judge

THE well known American agency of Wells Rich Green Inc. is making sure it is known both in Britain and Europe. Not, however, by mailings or advertising but by a series of visits to financial centres.

Two Board members Frank G. Colman and Richard T. O'Rilly are touring the centres and talking to analysts—very much an American activity. But not one carried out by quoted U.K. agencies to judge by analysts' reactions at investment banker White Weld where the London meeting was held this week.

Making a pitch for the industry as well as his agency, Colman pointed out that Forbes magazine's latest list of industries by profitability did not include advertising. Had it done so it would have read: consumer goods—personal number 1 at 16 per cent return on equity; advertising number 2 at 15.1 per cent; and distribution—supermarkets, number 3 at 12.8 per cent.

And the agency table would have read:

WRG	27
Ogilvy and Mather	22.8
Doyle, Dane, Bernbach	21.9
J. Walter Thompson	17.2
Grey	13.7
Interpublic	13.1

Mary Wells Lawrence's story is a legend of start-up-own-agency and never look back. Clients include Procter and Gamble, Travel World Airlines and General Mills. Briefly the WRG picture is \$381.017 earned on billings of \$53.2m. in the year to October 31, 1968, rising to \$2.4m. on an 89 per cent increase in billings to \$100.5m. as of 12 months to April 30 last. The rise is put down primarily to higher productivity.

The WRG team has put itself over to about a dozen U.K. institutions and Europe is still to come. With 11 accounts the agency does not have a problem of conflicting accounts when talking new business. But it is not seeing any prospects in the U.K. although that is a possibility in Europe.

The agency opened shop in the U.K. about a year ago. There was a firm agreement with TWA, the only client that the operation would be geared to a smooth run for the airline and WRG would not go for new business until the organisation was in top gear. Recently Tony Ryeppell was taken on (from C. Veroni) to join Neil Godfrey as co-creative director.

Managing director Tony Caulfield says he has had approaches from several advertisers but, mainly because of the TWA agreement, the agency did not take them on. But it is geared up now. "We are looking for new business on a very selective basis. It doesn't have to be the highest account in the world—and it could take us some time to get the right type."

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Another step to trouble

Labour movement pursues ordained course towards less opposition to the Common Market. The votes by majority of the Labour Party Executive and the National Council of the TUC yesterday were depressing but particularly surprising. It was a resolute minority of both bodies which remains in favour of entry (and in the case of the TUC it turned out to be rather larger, on this issue, than expected); but there is no doubt that the majority in each instance represents the overwhelming mood of the rank and file, and we expect that the TUC's annual Congress in September, the Labour Party's conference a month later will endorse resolutions which their members have now passed.

His outcome has been more less inevitable for several years. Perhaps Mr. Wilson had averted it if he had seen to do so in the spring, since he did not, the activities of the pro-Market Labour side have been restricted to minimising the damage.

Their next mission will now be to see that their freedom of action up to the time of the final vote in the House of Commons is not curtailed. The first advantage which Mr. Jenkins and his friends possess is the fact that they were to head off a decision at the final Labour Party conference the Common Market two years ago. This means that the present approved by the NEC yesterday has no binding force for another two months; and Mr. Wilson himself pointed out at yesterday's meeting, there is nothing to prevent those who agree with the resolution in campaigning in the entry on their own lines.

For the moment, perhaps, from the pro-Market point of view is phrase in the NEC resolution which invites the Parliamentary Labour Party to vote wholeheartedly in voting against the Government's policy. These words, which are apparently inserted at the suggestion of Mr. Wedgwood

Benn, will certainly be used by the anti-Market as an argument for imposing a three-line whip. But in practice the decision on whether to do this will turn on the strength of pro-Market feeling in the parliamentary party and in the shadow cabinet in the week before the vote is taken. And this, in turn, depends on what has happened in the interval.

If opinion in the country and in the party hardens appreciably against entry during the weeks of the summer holiday, then a show-down is probably inevitable. If there is a massive shift in the opinion polls towards the market, and if the pro-market camp within the Parliamentary Labour Party continues to pick up new adherents then there is a good chance of a free vote—irrespective of what has happened meantime at the TUC meeting and the Labour Conference.

The battle
 If, as is perhaps most likely, the situation remains confused and unsettled there will no doubt be some attempt to produce a compromise—possibly a reasoned amendment to the Government's motion to which almost all the party could assent.

Everything hangs on how the battle proceeds during the next two months. Those in favour of entry into the Market within the Labour camp will be hampered by yesterday's decision by the NEC to launch a campaign in the country against entry. This may have some effect in the constituency parties and trade union branches. On the other hand, hastily improvised and expensive publicity campaigns are not exactly the Labour Party's longest suit, and any attempt along these lines will, in any case, be confronted by the Government's own massive effort to win support for the enterprise.

Mr. Wilson and the Labour Party as a whole have already lost credibility from this controversy and yesterday's events make it certain that they will lose more. By October, however, it may become clearer that the only way to avoid disaster is to agree to disagree.

Calling the tune

has been generally acknowledged for many years that a basic reform is needed of local government finance. The expenditure of local authorities is growing much faster than their income from rates, which at present finances only 40 per cent. of it. Most of the difference has to be made up from central government grants, and this inevitably tends to weaken local dependence.

Finance fell outside the terms of reference of the Maud Commission, though its report included a chapter on the subject. The reorganisation of local government into larger and more efficient units, however, which the Commission recommended, and the Government intends to carry out, provides an ideal opportunity for financial reform. The White Paper on reorganisation stated that a vigorous and democratic implied power to act without excessive regulation by central government through financial or other controls. Yesterday's Green Paper sets out the Government's ideas about local government finance and is intended as the basis for consultation and public discussion.

Disappointing

Given that, as it says, the subject of replacing rates with some new form of local tax has been "studied exhaustively, both inside Government and elsewhere," the Green Paper is a disappointingly slight and negative document. It covers the same ground as the Maud Report on finance but differs from the Commission's recommendations in two significant respects. In the first place, the Commission recommended the re-levelling of agricultural land and buildings; the Government intends to take no action about this on the debatable grounds that there is a shortage of values. In the second place, the Commission said that "we do not wish to discuss the merits and demerits of specific proposals. We hope, however, that taxes will not be considered piecemeal, each one being dis-

carded because it has some disadvantages as a local tax. All local taxes—like all other taxes—have their own disadvantages, and arguments can be produced against the allocation in local government of any one tax, whether existing or not."

This is an exact description of the procedure followed in the Green Paper. The various proposals that have been put forward from time to time (income-tax, sales tax, payroll tax, petrol and motor duties) are considered one by one and the disadvantages of each methodically listed. That Whitehall has little faith in any of them is implicit in the fact that the Green Paper ends by suggesting improved methods of paying grant and rebating rates to those with low incomes—the latter of which only stresses the urgency of the need to find a workable form of negative income-tax.

Democracy

There is a distinct difference of approach, in short, between those who want to promote a vigorous local democracy and those who see only the disadvantages of changing things or transferring power away from the centre. More independent local authorities will naturally tend at times to act in ways which Whitehall considers contrary to the national interest. Those who believe that they should be given greater independence will recognise the strength of the case for allowing them to develop new sources of revenue or even to have allocated to them some existing tax, whatever the administrative arguments brought forward against each individual proposal. Local authorities have got some concessions out of the Green Paper—the promise of a better formula for distributing Government grant, lighter controls on their borrowing, and a vague offer of influence over decisions about the total of local government spending. They should press hard and loudly for genuine reform in the wider field. It will be a long time before they have a better opportunity.

OUT-OF-TOWN 'SUPERSTORES'

The national implications of a local inquiry

BY KELSEY van MUSSCHENBROEK

THE ONLY thing so far clear about the current debate on out-of-town shopping in Britain is that nothing about the issue is clear. Of course in a sense the debate has only just started, but it had been hoped that the draft planning guidelines issued in May to local authorities and interested trade bodies by the Department of the Environment would lessen the confusion among planners and retailers. In the event, precisely the opposite seems to have happened.

No less a body than the Co-operative Wholesale Society is urgently seeking a top level meeting with the Minister of Local Government and Development, Mr. Graham Page, because following the draft note it believes "further clarification of the special considerations affecting the future development of free-standing (out of town) superstores is absolutely essential." Apparently the signs are not encouraging that this meeting will in fact take place.

Now that the Department has received most of the written comments it asked for from local authorities and trade associations before finalising the Policy Note, it doubtless feels that it would be impolitic to lay itself open to the charge of agreeing to special pleading. It is likely to be several weeks before the finalised Note is published.

Looking for precedents

It remains to be seen whether this will contain any significant changes from the draft guidelines, the details of which were discussed in the Financial Times on May 24. Certainly, the Department itself has given no indication there will be. In short, it looks as if local authorities will still be shouldering most of the responsibility for planning decisions which affect this new form of retailing.

True, the most difficult of these can always be referred back to the centre, but this is a costly exercise for all concerned, normally involving a full-scale public inquiry. For this reason alone local planners can be expected to look for any precedent that may help them.

To date, however, there are few if any to turn to, which is why so much attention has been focused on the enquiry at Eastleigh, Hampshire, which has just ended, concerning Carrefour's application to build an out-of-town "hypermarket" at Chandlers Ford, near Southampton. The outcome could well set a precedent for out-of-town shopping developments elsewhere. Although the result is not expected for some months the evidence put before the Inspector does show the essential issues involved.

The proposed Carrefour hypermarket at Chandlers Ford will have 50,000 square feet of



Left: Mr. Stanley Carter, a director of the John Lewis Partnership and chairman of its Waitrose supermarket chain. Centre: grill room at Woolworth's superstore at Thornaby, Teesside, opened in 1968. Right: Mr. John Fairclough, managing director of Hypermarket (Holdings), Carrefour operators in England.



selling area, together with an other 50,000 square feet for storage and in-store packaging, and eventual parking for 1,050 cars. It will be accessible by road from both Southampton and Winchester. Projected turnover is £5m. (at 1970 prices) of which as much as two-thirds would be in food—a large unit by any standards.

The application has been opposed by the Eastleigh Chamber of Trade, largely on environmental grounds. First, it was stressed that the hypermarket would "perpetuate a commercial slum" in the heart of Eastleigh and that the firm, or so invested there by local authority and private enterprise would "as good as go down the drain." Second, the hypermarket would mean "the surrender of most of the narrow strip of undeveloped land which serves an important visual break between two extensively built-up areas." Southampton and Eastleigh.

Environmental considerations are not exactly the strongest point in favour of the warehouse-like out-of-town superstore, so it was hardly surprising that Carrefour should concentrate on the price advantages to the consumer, which it would be able to offer. It was a line of argument which Eastleigh could hardly ignore. In the end the central issue of the inquiry became price.

Carrefour's main case was put forward in a report on hypermarket economics prepared by Merret Cyril Associates, in which it was argued that overall the Chandlers Ford store would produce price savings of around 8 per cent., or a direct financial benefit to consumers within the catchment area of £400,000 a year.

The essential details of this case were: that in food the

average gross margin set by multiples was 19.2 per cent., and by variety chain stores, 21 per cent., according to the April PIB report on food distribution. By comparison, Carrefour's gross margin on food was 12.5 per cent. Carrefour also stressed that its buying prices should be no different to those available to a grocery chain, so that it should be able to undercut multiple grocers by 61 per cent., and variety chains by 81 per cent., giving an average saving on these comparisons (and taking into account the heavy weighting of multiple grocers in food sales) of 7 per cent.

On the non-food side the comparison was with three main types of outlet: supermarkets which were expanding their non-food sales, multiple non-food retailers and department stores. Carrefour's gross margin on non-foods was 21 per cent., which indicated a saving of 21 per cent. in the case of supermarkets, 91 per cent. in the case of multiple non-food chains, and 15 per cent. in the case of department stores—an average non-food saving of 91 per cent.

On the basis of a 60:40 split in Carrefour's turnover in favour of food this indicated a total price saving of some 8 per cent. In view of current U.K. price trends a possible saving of this order must weigh heavily with the Government.

It was hardly surprising, therefore, that Carrefour's figure work should come under close scrutiny by witnesses called on Eastleigh's behalf. Probably the most important of these was Mr. Stanley Carter, a director of the John Lewis Partnership and chairman of its Waitrose supermarket chain. Carrefour's price claims, he said, were "far-fetched," and singled out two product cate-

gories (electrical appliances and do-it-yourself equipment) to make the point.

Figures supplied by the majority of department stores in Britain showed that for electrical appliances average gross margins in 1968 and 1969 were around 16 per cent., the same went for do-it-yourself equipment in J.L.P. department stores. Against this sort of competitive background, Carrefour's claim to be able to undercut department stores by 15 per cent. "cannot be valid unless they propose to trade at a loss."

Moreover on the food side, said Mr. Carter, he found it hard to believe that a hypermarket turning over £5m. a year could match, let alone improve on, the buying terms available to major grocery chains like Tesco, Marks and Spencer and J. Sainsbury, whose annual sales were anything between £200m. and £400m. each.

Eastleigh's counter-attack was further reinforced by M. Hervé Alex, of Lyon, under whose guidance an analysis of the effects of hypermarkets in and around Lyon was recently carried out on behalf of the French Government.

Impression of lower prices

The broad conclusion of this study was that the level of prices in hypermarkets "did not vary significantly from the level of prices charged in the main supermarket groups." Research showed that although hypermarkets cut their prices heavily when they first opened to attract trade, after nine months to a year they returned to a level not very different from that charged by existing competition. The fact that they left an impression

in the public's mind of lower prices was mostly owing to "skilful advertising and sales promotion techniques."

It is difficult to know just how telling this evidence will be. Of course, as the hypermarkets point out, one does not know what price levels would have been without hypermarkets in Lyon. It is possible they may have forced prices down to their level. But, given the very different retail structure in Britain, this is not the issue. The issue is whether the hypermarkets can do better than existing supermarket competition.

That is not to say Carrefour could produce no answer to the Lyon study. This was quite simply that since the company started trading in 1963 gross margins had not increased; they have remained at around 15 per cent., and it is this "retail system" which is now being offered to the British public.

Minimal experience of out-of-town shopping in this country meant that the Eastleigh inquiry was conducted largely in terms of assertion rather than fact. There are few, if any, detailed studies of an out-of-town shopping centre operating in Britain, so that the recent publication of a report on Woolworth's Woolco superstore at Thornaby by the Manchester Business School's Retail Outlets Research Unit is a welcome contribution to the debate. This store (104,000 square feet) started trading in 1968, and is one of a number of out-of-town superstores being developed by Woolworth's.

In interpreting the MBS report in the context of hypermarkets, caution is needed on two counts. First, broadly speaking, Woolco's sales are the reverse of, say, Carrefour's, with

around 80 per cent. of turnover in non-food products. Second, Woolco is not a discount operation but, as the MBS report says, "more akin to the North American Junior Department Store." Its customers "do not appear to identify the store as an especially cheap place at which to shop."

Nevertheless, the MBS report is significant in terms of the customer profile, sales pattern and ripple effects it reveals. To start with, a high proportion—nearly three-quarters of customers surveyed were car-borne, and this in an area with a relatively low level of car ownership. Latest figures show that in 1968 there were less than 13 private vehicles per 100 people in the Teesside region, against 17 nationally.

In view of this the frequency of visits by shoppers was certainly surprising: just over 22 per cent. of the sample visited Woolco more than once a week; nearly 39 per cent. shopped weekly; another 22 per cent. fortnightly; or monthly; and 27 per cent. said either that they came less frequently than monthly or that they were visiting the store for the first time, two years after the store had opened. Says MBS: "The curiosity value of this kind of shopping is strong."

Catchment area

Another surprise is to be found in the analysis of the store's catchment area. Relating customers' spending to distance travelled, MBS estimated that a third of Woolco's weekly trade originates from within one mile, and well over two-thirds from less than five miles.

Although the importance of the outer zones of the catchment area increased on Saturdays, "the figures suggest that the store is functioning only weakly as a regional or sub-regional shopping centre." The store was very dependent on the towns of Thornaby itself.

Furthermore, the incidence of "comparison" or non-food shopping increased with the distance customers had travelled to the store. This was reinforced by the pattern of grocery purchases: "thus 33 per cent. of the customers who live within one mile of Woolco obtained more than two-thirds of their groceries from the store, while the corresponding figure for those who travelled more than five miles is a mere 13 per cent."

The impact of Woolco on surrounding shopping centres was fairly evenly spread, says the report, but corner shops and local shopping parades "must have lost trade heavily" especially in food and groceries. On the non-food side, the impact was not nearly so discernible. The report does not attempt to make any value judgments about Woolco, but it does show anything it is that out-of-town superstore shopping is not turning out quite as expected.

MEN AND MATTERS

What sort of airship to revive?

Even at this early stage, the movement to bring back the airship, still only a year or so old, has produced a divergence of opinion about what sort of airship should be put back into our skies. So far, much of the running has been made by Mr. Max Rynish, who heads a subsidiary of Manchester Liners, called Cargo Airships, investigating the possibility of an airship revival. Rynish was also behind the formation in March of the Airship Association, a budding pressure group. Rynish has stressed modern technology in making airships practical again, preferring the so-called "monocoque" shell (like a huge egg-shell) to the old fabric-covered skeleton.

But a company called Airfloat Transport, which is to present its ideas at the Royal Aeronautical Society in September, favours "a crude, traditional design" based on the old R101 airship of the 1930s. The man who did the design for Airfloat, Dr. Edwin Mowforth, lecturer in aerodynamics at the University of Surrey, says that "the important thing is to get one in the air cheaply, and quickly." The unconventional features of his design are due to its purpose, which (like Rynish's) is freight. This means, for example, installing a hoist, and vertical thrust engines needed for hovering.

His planned airship is 1,280 feet long, 263 feet in diameter, with 35m. cubic feet capacity, and could lift loads up to 400 tons. Airfloat hopes to build and operate such an airship itself. It is noticeable that publicists

seem to be leading the revival in interest in airships. Rynish is a journalist and author. Airfloat is an offshoot of Multi-Science Publishing, which does scientific journals in such fields as electronics, acoustics, and noise and vibration—this latter being the route by which its directors, principally Mr. John Parry and Mr. E. R. Hughes, got interested in airships. On the board of Airfloat is also that veteran of the airship movement, Lord Ventry, and Mr. L. P. Richards, who works for BOAC and is another long-standing airship enthusiast.

Of course, getting someone to put up the money is the problem. Parry won't say how much they want until the September seminar, where they hope to interest potential backers for their "crude" design.

Apolitical Bank

In publishing its accounts for the first time the Bank of England has modelled them on those required by the Companies Acts (though the Bank is not subject to them). So we even get the information that "no political contributions were made" during the year. I cannot imagine what would happen if there had been.

Sniffing around the Street

There is a nice irony about the fact that the Consumers' Association chose Fleet Street as the place to study "the short-term effect of traffic-polluted air on people's mental performance." A man from the Association said "Fleet Street offers many advantages to those wanting to study pollution." Actually, the Association was drawn, not by

what is written in Fleet Street, but by its being a narrow street with tall buildings, overloaded with traffic.

It has had a car full of odd equipment parked there, with students arriving to breathe in combinations of bottled air and air from the Street, while undergoing psychological tests. A long way from comparative tests on washing machines. But the Association, since the death of the Consumer Council, has "looked to see which of its roles, granted our financial limitation, we can take over."



"There is a queue of customers inquiring whether, in view of our profits, you can now afford to give them a free interview."

Texas loses its brown bag

The State of Texas, where men are really men, is finally dispensing with one of its strangest drinking habits, the brown bag. The bag, which in fact need not

be brown, and can be a brief case, has up till now been the most practical solution to the problem of drinking spirits in bars, hotels and restaurants in the State. For even in the "wet" counties of Texas, only beer and wine can be served by the drink. With the bag technique, one simply carried one's own bottle around and bought a glass and ice from the barman for 40 cents or so. With another evasion technique one could be charged a club membership, solemnly fill in application forms and then he given drinks on the house. Surprisingly, this situation has lasted since the repeal of prohibition forty years ago.

Now, 45 of the wet counties have voted to sell spirits by the drink. It remains for the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission to start issuing the necessary licences. The state legislature has already seen the advantages of the new arrangement, and has settled on licence fees which mean that successful applicants will have to pay \$4,500 over three years, plus a renewal fee of \$500 and possibly \$250 to the local city or county authority as well.

This may well explain why many bars and restaurants are intending to charge the equivalent of 50p or more for a tot for Scotch and Bourbon, and why some of the boozier and more conservative Texans are gloomily forecasting that soon everyone will be longing for the return of the old brown bag.

Name of the game?

I'm sure it has nothing to do with recent criticisms of the standard of auditing in this country, but the general secretary of the Faculty of Auditors is called Mr. Fudge.

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ECONOMIC VIEWPOINT

The road to industrial serfdom

BY SAMUEL BRITTAN

THE ONE BOOK that I read—or rather re-read—on political and economic matters during my recent holiday was "The Constitution of Liberty" by Professor F. A. Hayek into the principles by which liberty could be preserved in a modern industrial State. It did not receive the attention it deserved partly because some of the practical conclusions were unconvincing to the temper of the time, and partly because the fashion for "pragmatism" and impatience with all arguments based on principle was then at its height.

Rule of law

Professor Hayek's most important conclusion relates to the overriding importance of the "rule of law." By this he means that the individual citizen (and this includes the company director) should be free to pursue his own interest and purposes as he sees fit, provided that he conforms with known laws. This in no way involves commitment to *laissez faire*, or a belief in the perfection of market forces. But it does mean that the rules should be laid down in advance and that the law should not depend on the discretionary judgment of Ministers or officials. It also means that the Government

could have a monopoly of coercion and that there should be no system of private law.

Hayek's doctrines should certainly not be swallowed whole, line and sinker; and I hope to discuss them in more detail on another occasion. In particular, his conception of the rule of law seems to me a necessary, but not a sufficient, condition for establishing a free society. It is nevertheless the highest importance; and the reader can imagine my feelings when I learned on my return to London that the CBI had proposed a "voluntary" undertaking by the 200 largest firms to limit their price increases to 5 per cent. or less in the coming 12 months and to report to the CBI Director-General, Mr. Campbell Adamson, if for any reason they found themselves unable to comply. This undertaking was taken into account by the Government in its recent inflationary measures (although I think it important in determining the size of the package was extremely marginal); and this Monday the CBI set out a circular to members with a *pro forma* pledge to sign.

The whole undertaking is, of course, nominally a voluntary one. But it is pretty obvious that considerable moral pressure is being put on the remaining doubters to sign. Those who do not will risk incurring Government displeasure; and the CBI is being transformed into an organ of Government policy—partly in the hope that the TUC may undergo the same transformation. If this does not turn out to be a system of private law, it will not be for want

of trying on the CBI's and Government's part.

One can see how this situation has arisen. The first preference of a Conservative Government and of industrialists is for non-intervention. But if this is, or appears to be, impracticable, they tend to think that the next best thing is that "industry should plan itself." But so far from being a second best it is the worst course of all. For organisations like the CBI are subject neither to the discipline of the market place nor to political control; and "industrial self-government" is in the literal sense irresponsible. If a price ceiling is necessary in an emergency it should be introduced by an elected Government by means of an Act of Parliament, which states the forbidden courses of action clearly.

Even on the narrowest economic grounds, the case for the CBI move is dubious. It is based on the attractions of the short-term and the seemingly expedient. If prices are going up too quickly, the natural inclination of the interventionist mentality is to decree a slower rate of advance. It is the longer-term and indirect consequences of such intervention which are overlooked in the search for immediate results that often prove most important.

Opposite effect

It is of the essence of the free market case that many of the consequences of intervention are unpredictable and often different from what its supporters expect. But some of the dangers of the present move can be seen even now. The most obvious is that after many



Left: Professor F. A. Hayek. Right: Mr. Campbell Adamson of the CBI. Different concepts of industrial society.

years of a low and falling rate of return on capital, "voluntary" price restraint is likely to force it down even further. In that case investment is bound to suffer, as both the funds available and the incentives to invest will be reduced.

A little less obvious is the threat to exports. For if profits are held down at home, companies will be in no mood to take risks with their overseas pricing for the sake of building up markets in the longer term. With a low rate of profit at

home and a high share of wages in the final product, such investment as there will be is liable to have such a labour-saving bias as to provide a fresh threat to employment. Thus a policy designed to step up the growth rate and provide more jobs may in the longer run have the opposite of the effects claimed.

Those who do not find Professor Hayek's views to their taste, will find the dangers of low profitability spelled out by two economists of a very different political persuasion—Andrew

Glyn and Boh Suteliffe in "The Critical Condition of British Capital" published in a recent issue of *The New Left Review*. This documents in impressive detail the fall in the share of profits in net corporate turnover and in the pre- and post-tax rate of return on capital. The present state of affairs is, in the authors' view, incompatible with the ability of British capitalism to make profits and maintain a reasonable share of investment.

The share of profits has fallen from well over 20 per cent. in the 1950s to 15 per cent. in 1967 and 14 per cent. in 1969. The pre-tax rate of return, after deducting depreciation and stock appreciation, fell from 8 per cent. over a decade ago to 3.2 per cent. in 1969. The 1970 squeeze must have reduced these ratios even further. Conventional accounting practices do not make sufficient allowance for the effects of inflation on capital equipment and stocks. If they did, many companies would probably have been seen to be working at a loss in 1970.

Self-deception

Doubtless there has been some rebuilding of profit margins in the first half of this year; hence the support for the CBI. No doubt, too, the Confederation also hopes that the Government's reflationary measures will push up turnover enough to offset the effect on margins. This view ignores the fact that profits are very cyclical in their behaviour; and it is normal for them to increase markedly in the recovery phase of the cycle.

Whatever the case in the private sector, no one has

pretended that the price ceiling can be offset by higher turnover in the nationalised industries. The Government's statement about financing more of their investment from the National Loans Fund shows that Ministers are resigned to their running heavy deficits. The effects of this policy on the Government borrowing requirements and the money supply are not the most important. More worrying still is the effect on the morale of these industries.

As Christopher Foster has pointed out, their managements now know that any good they might achieve by the careful scrutiny of investment projects, or more efficient running of their affairs, will be swallowed up by Government-enforced losses. For the sake of a doubtful short-term tactical advantage, a dozen years' work to instil financial discipline into the nationalised industries has been thrown away—and by a Conservative Government which is supposed to believe that these industries should make profits and "stand on their own feet."

The damage to the nationalised industries will take a long time to repair. In the private sector the worst damage may be avoided, as some companies will have to find ways of getting round the pledge if the pressure on profits is too great; and smaller firms outside the glare of publicity may now get a chance to gain some ground. If Professor Hayek's earlier warnings in his 1944 "Road to Serfdom" have proved exaggerated, it is largely because of the British genius for self-deception and the finding of loopholes.

But the point which needs to be stressed is that no moral

stigma should be attached to a managing director who decides that his main duty is to shareholders and that he is not equipped to act as an amateur judge of the nation's economic interest. The fact is extremely difficult for economists—myself included—to take to heart is that more has can often result from the we meaning activities of high civilised and sophisticated people such as Campbell Adamson than from the more hilly, approach of unco-operative industrial rough diamonds who would regard Professor Hayek as a foreign Communist.

Lack of faith

Innumerable studies have shown that when freedom has been lost, it was often because the victims had already lost their self-confidence and their desire to determine their own affairs. The greatest threat to the British free enterprise system has not been over socialism, but the lack of faith in its principles demonstrated by the leaders of the business community.

Freedom and the rule of law have long been under pressure from those on the Left who cannot see that economic freedom is a crucial part of the wide liberty which they profess to value. But it is in equally great danger from those on the Right who are suspicious of general principles and who believe in Hayek's words that "if Government is in the hands of decent men it ought not to be too much restricted by rigid rules." The very last accusation that anyone should level at the present Government is that it is doctrinaire.

Labour News

Deadlock on BSC blastfurnace pay

BY OUR LABOUR CORRESPONDENT

READERS of 15,000 blastfurnace in the nationalised steel industry will decide next Tuesday whether to call further industrial action in support of their demands after again reaching a deadlock in negotiations with the British Steel Corporation yesterday.

The National Union of Blastfurnacemen has rejected the 6.6 per cent. increase negotiated recently for more than 100,000 workers in the steel plants. It is seeking a 10 per cent. increase for those of its members shift work and 8 per cent. for those on day work. But in yesterday's talks the BSC refused to improve on the 6.6 per cent. offer.

Executive to meet

Afterwards Mr. Hector Smith, BSC general secretary, said he was calling a meeting of the 100's national executive for Tuesday to discuss the deadlock, but he refused to be drawn whether he thought it would be on the blastfurnacemen to action again.

A four-day strike by the union a month quickly reduced steel production by half and led to thousands of workers being laid off. At the NUB's annual conference earlier this month delegates made it clear that they were

prepared to see the union impose further sanctions in support of its demand for higher pay, which has been modified from its original claim for a 35 per cent. increase.

Pilkington pay offer

By Roy Rogers
THE Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, which last week was given negotiating rights for Pilkington Brothers' 5,000 general staff, is to refer back to membership a pay offer made yesterday.

It is estimated that the package would increase earnings of the lower-paid staff by 13 per cent., and those of the higher-paid by 9 per cent. Current salaries range between £366 (for juniors) and £2,250.

HULL DOCKERS TO SUSPEND STRIKES

More than 2,000 dockers at Hull, who stopped work yesterday to hold a mass meeting, decided to suspend their weekly one-day strikes so that the Transport and General Workers' Union could launch a national campaign to have port deposit filling of containers defined as dock work.

Fewer strikes and days lost in second quarter

BY ROY ROGERS, LABOUR STAFF

ALTHOUGH almost 11m. work-days were lost during the first six months of the year because of industrial action, there is evidence of marked improvement in the second quarter both in the number of strikes and the total days lost.

The 10,974m. total for the first half of this year, published in the Department of Employment's *Labour Gazette* today, is more than 10 per cent. below the figure for the corresponding period last year, only due to the prolonged and Post Office strikes which accounted for some 5,250m. being lost.

All 26 categories listed in the *Gazette* the number of new pages in the first six months of 1971 were 1,175 as involving 720,000 workers. Improving figures for last year were 2,355 and 978,200. However, these figures do not include number of people laid-off because of disputes outside their companies.

TIMES PRINTERS BACK AT WORK

The printing workers whose strike prevented publication of yesterday's editions of *The Times* returned to work last night.

The men, members of Natsopa, came out on strike on Wednesday after they had been told that a bonus payment for the production of the paper was to be ended. The notices were sent out after the men had rejected a new comprehensive deal that ended the direct payment of the bonus.

The bonus dates back to the time when the *Business News* section was a separate section of the paper. The men were paid a bonus of 38p a day for the extra work involved. Since the end of last year, the *Business News* section has been printed as part of the main paper.

£4 MORE FOR BRICK DRIVERS

Five hundred lorry drivers in the flatiron brick industry have been awarded a 12 per cent. pay rise. The offer, accepted by the Transport and General Workers' Union after negotiations with the London Brick Company, will mean an extra £4 a week for men who work at brickyards in the Peterborough and Bedford area.

Forte misses chance of three-way talks on Pickard

BY ARTHUR SANDLES

SIR CHARLES FORTE failed to arrive here today for the three-way Trust Houses Forte confrontation which could have decided the fate of Mr. Michael Pickard. Sir Charles, Lord Crowther, and Mr. Pickard were all due for the official opening of the £800,000 Post House at Aviemore.

Mr. Pickard, who was removed from his job as managing director of Trust Houses Forte at a stormy Board meeting on Friday evening, remains unaware of his future. The Board was split nine to eight, with former Trust House directors supporting Pickard and Forte directors seeking, and winning, his removal.

Sir Charles and Lord Crowther were due to meet Lord Hacking, chairman of the Trust Houses Council, on the TEF executive jet this morning on the flight from London. It would have been their first meeting since Friday.

Lord Hacking was determined to get the two sides together, but Sir Charles did not arrive. He sent a message to the Airport saying that he had been delayed "meeting someone from Cyprus." Mr. Pickard had diplomatically not taken a seat on the Executive Jet—instead he flew up with me on a BEA scheduled aircraft.

Lord Hacking was patently disappointed at the absence of Sir Charles. No mention of the row racking TEF was made by Lord Crowther when he took the chair at the ceremony. Later he told me: "We are trying to cool things down. We are hopeful of arriving at a formula."

Directors of TEF on both sides of the argument are seriously concerned about the impact that the public row is having on both the corporate image and commercial relationships. There is some concern that a new managing director may be difficult to appoint since he would obviously be alarmed by a Board which has shown itself to be seriously divided.

AVIEMORE, Scotland, July 28.

Travel agents in Madrid for talks on holiday complaints

BY RAY DAFIER

A BRITISH TEAM of travel agents, which is to investigate complaints about hotel conditions at Spanish holiday resorts, has arrived in Madrid for talks with senior officials of the Ministry of Tourism.

Mr. Bob Waller, chairman of the Association of British Travel Agents, and leader of the delegation, said before leaving London: "Our job is to make practical investigations or visits to individual hotels or centres which have figured in complaints."

Ministry officials and the provincial delegates of the Tourism Ministry in Alicante and Majorca.

"By bringing in the provincial delegates we will have the benefit of their specialised knowledge of their areas," he said. In London, a spokesman for the Spanish National Tourist Office said: "I have seldom seen anything blown so much out of proportion as the few, but of course regrettable, cases of inconvenience to tourists. Admittedly, a hundred is a hundred too many."

"At the moment there are 300,000 Britons in Spain and of these 299,900 are perfectly happy and the other 100 are almost happy—not a bad percentage but one that we intend to improve upon."

Mr. Waller on both sides of the Commons are worried about the reports of holiday trouble, in particular overbooking and unfinished hotels. Mr. Edward

Milne (L. Blyth), said yesterday he planned to table a private notice question to Mr. John Davies, Secretary for Trade and Industry, asking him to set up an inquiry into the "present conditions in the holiday travel trade."

An ABTA spokesman said that a dossier of events had been compiled to prove that a few hoteliers had been guilty of overbooking.

Assurance

As reported in the *Financial Times* yesterday the Association has announced a Commission of Inquiry to investigate allegations against some tour operators.

"The British public can be assured that if anybody—an ABTA member, a hotelier, a courier or a tourist office—knowingly allows even one person's holiday to be ruined, ABTA will not shirk its responsibilities," said the Association.

Chrysler signs CBI pledge

BY DAVID WALKER

CHRYSLER U.K. has signed the Confederation of British Industry undertaking to restrict price rises to a maximum of 5 per cent. over the next 12 months, it revealed yesterday.

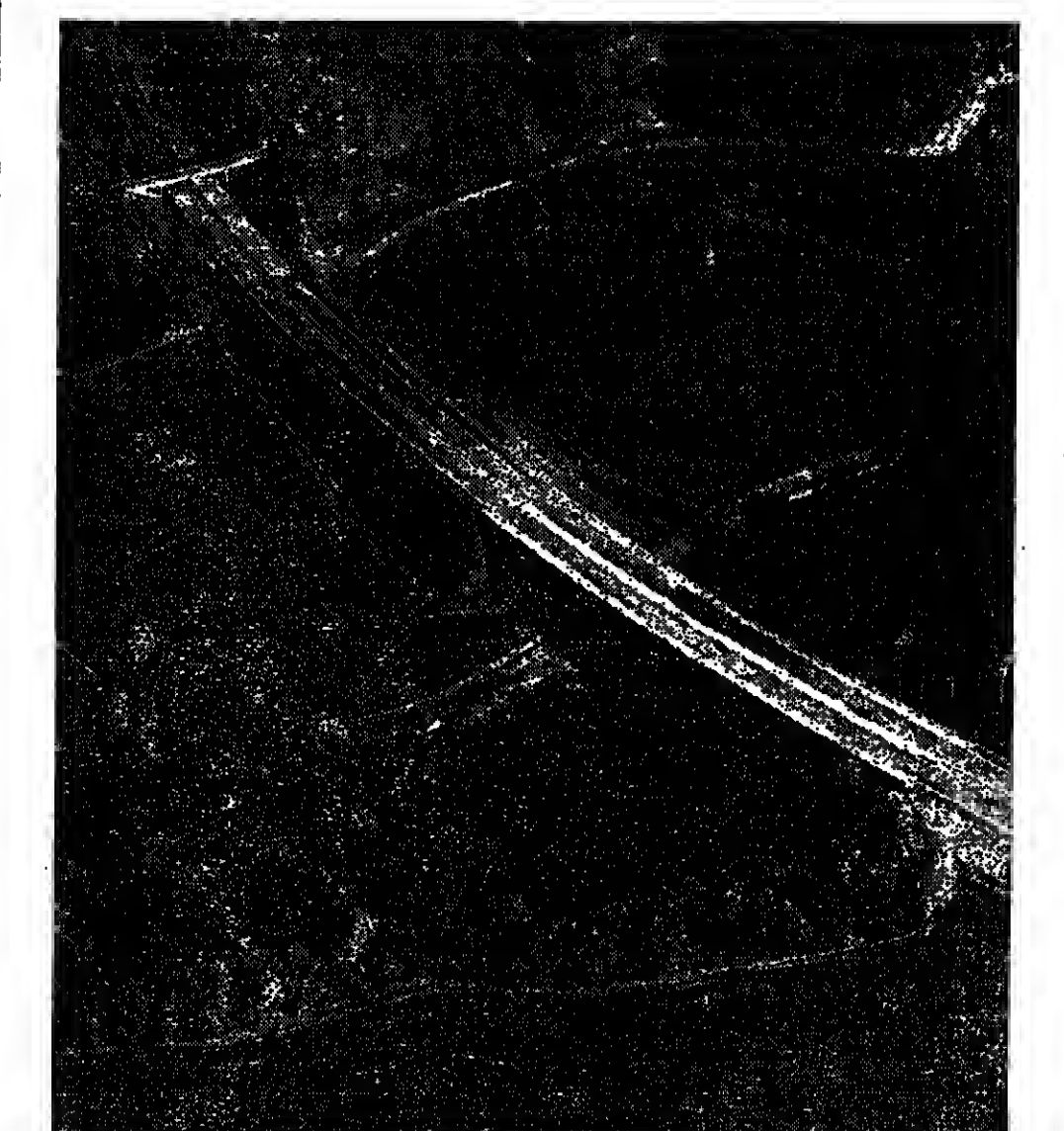
The move leaves Vauxhall Motors as the only one of the big four British vehicle manufacturers still to indicate whether it will follow the CBI price restraint initiative. Both British Leyland and Ford Motor have already declared their

intentions of signing the undertaking.

Vauxhall stated last night that it was still considering its position.

Other companies which announced yesterday that they had signed the undertaking include BHP Industries, the £88m. a year building materials, engineering and paper products group, and F. R. Lloyd, the £37.5m. a year steel founding concern.

Among other companies which have already pledged themselves to signing the CBI initiative are Castrol, K&N and Nettlefold. Hoover, Shell-Mex and BP, an Cutlery Corporation, the £50m. a year carpets, textiles and rubber group, Imperial Chemical Industries has called it "highly probable" that it will follow suit. The Institute of Purchasing and Supply has also leapt its support.



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NORTHUMBRIA



Saleroom

600 gns. for carved wood doll

In a sale of costumes, fans, textiles, dolls, toys and musical boxes at Christie's which totalled £13,512, 600 guineas was paid by Dixon for a carved wood doll, c. 1972.

Bennison and Harding each paid 500 guineas for a late 19th century automobile of a Turk and for a key-wound overture musical box respectively. An ivory brise fan, a 1780, sold to Turn for 430 guineas, a record price for a fan and another record was 190 guineas paid by Ginsburg for a pair of waistcoats, one c. 1730 and the other 1740. These came from the property sold by the Hove Museum of Art which totalled £1,408.

The London Museum paid 90 guineas for the robes of a squire of the Order of the Bath and 42 guineas for an 18th century lady's bed jacket. The Duke of Bedford bought a doll's house, c. 1840, for 240 guineas.

Christie's jewel sale totalled £41,764. A late 15th century antique diamond collar necklace sold for £5,300 to Seymour, a sapphire and diamond brooch pendant for £2,600 to Music and a diamond necklace for £2,500 to Lulliner.

National Sports of Gt. Britain, 1825.

At Sotheby's, a sale of 18th, 19th and 20th century paintings realised £32,941.

At Phillips' £5,061 porcelain sale, Harris paid £500 for an 81-piece Copeland ironstone dinner service, £250 for a pair of Wedgwood 8-colour Jasper vases and covers and £170 for an Urbino Istorato sancer dish, 1550. At a sale of furniture and clocks by King and Chasemore at Pulborough, Litley paid £820 for a 19th century satinwood and painted Carlton House writing table and Payne £400 for a Georgian walnut kneehole desk. A 12-inch high French carriage clock went to Bileck for £460.

COMPANY NEWS + COMMENT

Wm. Cory nears £4m.: pays extra 1½%

TURNING IN record profits approaching the £4m. mark, Wm. Cory and Son, the coal and oil contracting and shipwrecking group, is lifting its dividend by 1½ per cent to 15 per cent for the year ended March 31, 1971. The final is 11½ per cent against 10 per cent.

At the pre-tax level, profits show an increase of £335,000 to £1,330,000, a half-way, when profits up by £57,000 to £1,387,000. The directors have recommended a further advance in the year's figure.

The year's profit includes £379,000 (£1,334,000) being surplus of profit of associates, allowing for tax minorities and extraordinary credits of £122,000. The attributable balance comes through at £2,568,000 (£2,104,000).

1970-71 1969-70
Group profit 2,568 2,104
Associates' profits 379 379
Less minority interests 1,189 1,189
Taxation 1,496 1,496
Profit 1,387 1,334
Dividend 15% 15%
Extraordinary items 122 122
Reserves 2,568 2,104
Total 2,568 2,104

Initial response to development of the warehousing and distribution service has gone according to plan and a number of major companies have been added to its clients.

It must, however, be a year or two before this operation contributes significantly to group profits. Meanwhile, since the year-end, with the exception of shipping, the activities of the group continue to progress, the directors report.

Comment
William Cory has reached a new peak in 1970-71 with a pre-tax rise of 10 per cent, reflecting an overall trading improvement in maintained margins. The warehousing side did particularly well in relation to past performance, and given that the recent investment in food distribution has yet to show through to profits, there should be even more to come from this sector.

The associated companies also did well with profits up 12 per cent, before tax, and since the benefits of Cory's recently settled associations with Ready Mixed Concrete and L. Smith International of the Netherlands should be felt for the first time in 1971-72, the group's future looks bright. In view of this the shares at 353p are a p/e of 12.6 (excluding the

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B. Elliott final is cut to 2½%

exceptional items) could still have some way to go before they are fully discounting the prospects.

has been a gradual increase in interests outside machine tools and in 1970-71 these general engineering interests accounted for some 20 per cent of turnover.

Comment
Standard machine tool manufacturing makes up under a quarter of B. Elliott's sales. All the same, with weak areas in the special machine tool and foundry sides as well, the group would be hard put to break even this year on current order levels despite the cost savings of reducing the work force by around 500 men.

However, Elliott is rather more confident on the orders front than it was a month ago, with tentative signs of better inquiries in the U.K. and North America. Recovery when it comes, will be geared up for Elliott financially, by its high interest and depreciation charges, and operationally, from the higher break even point of its new flow line techniques.

With a market capitalisation of £3m, the shares have speculative possibilities at 41p.

Comment
The 1970-71 profit is struck after writing off all trading and terminal losses of companies closed during the year amounting to £844,100 (£198,000). Of the former figure £322,800 related to Cardiff Machine Tools.

Chairman, Mr. J. Frye, commenting, says that the past six months has seen the level of new orders and the outstanding home trade order book for the machine tool industry drop to the lowest level for 40 years.

It is too early yet to judge the effect on capital investment of the "mini-budget," but he hopes it will result in a rapid improvement in the home machine tool market.

The chairman warns that unless the hoped-for improvement in demand starts to take effect in the very near future results for the current year are "bound to show a reduction."

Nevertheless, he considers that much of the action taken will strengthen the group and it is poised to take advantage of the improvement in trade which must come.

Over the last few years there

Kay-Bevan profit rise—28% held

IN LINE with the earlier estimate of a growth in profitability, a higher pre-tax profit of £241,569 is reported by building and civil engineers, industrial and private estate developers, Kay-Bevan for 1970.

For the previous year, the profit, before tax, was £154,761.

A maintained dividend of 28 per cent is recommended.

Comment
The figures include results of the 1970 acquisitions from their respective dates of acquisition, with the exception of W. T. Murray whose accounts are closed one month in advance of the consolidated results and whose accounts for the eight months to November 30, 1970, were included for the first time.

Since the acquisitions were made for cash, the group profit before tax for the period under review is comparable with that for the corresponding period in 1970, except to the extent that the first half of the year are seasonally lower than those earned in the second half.

The half-year's figures have not been audited and may be subject to adjustments in the annual accounts.

The group which is the largest houseware manufacturer in the world outside the U.S. is controlled by American Home Products Corporation, of New York.

Comment
Prestige has not been immune to the recent consumer durables euphoria with a share price this year rising (on a straight basis) in line with our household goods average. But this Prestige product range sits largely outside the expected sales leaders in a period of easier credit and purchase tax cuts (white durables, television, motors, for instance).

Thus the share price strength could look overdone, while the relatively sluggish 1971 first half—original group profits up 4 per cent, before tax and interest—is not calculated to inspire faith.

But Prestige did have to cope with the postal strike and is big in mail order and gift catalogues, though sales growth of 11 per cent by the group can price adjustments shows that the months following the strike made fairly fast amends. However, a p/e of 20 at 144p on past 12-month earnings is saving a lot of the current six months.

Comment
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Progress at halfway by Albion

Manufacturers and wholesalers of outerwear, Albion reports an increase in group profits before tax, from £123,000 to £137,500 for the half year to March 31, 1971. For the year to September 30, 1970, there was a pre-tax profit of £331,082.

A maintained interim dividend of 5 per cent is declared. Previous total was 13 per cent.

Comment
The current year is showing further improvement, the Board states, and good results are looked for.

1970-71 1969-70
Turnover 2,362,245 2,015,081
Profit before tax 137,500 123,000
Less minority interests 14,111 13,583
Net profit 123,389 109,417
Dividend 25% 25%
Total 123,389 109,417

After depreciation £107,200 1970-1969.

Comment
Lorho is lifting its interim dividend from 2.5p to 2.75p on 25p share in respect of the year to September 30, 1971, and forecasts a minimum total of 6.50p, against 6.25p.

As reported first half group pre-tax profit increased from £7,502,000 to £7,601,000. The 1969-1970 total was £16,237,000.

Comment
The prospects for 1971 are good and a material profit can be forecast with confidence, says Mr. Ken Watson, chairman of Associated British Engineering.

The group's order book at the beginning of this year stood at £2.7m compared with £1.5m a year ago.

It should be appropriate to reconsider the position of Preference shareholders and the arrears of Preference dividend before the end of the year, says the chairman.

As reported on June 23 the group's trading profit in the year ended March 31, 1971, came to £17,400 (loss £49,580)—no dividends have been proposed on the Preference.

Biggest contributor to the year's earnings was British Polar Engines which supplies marine units to tugs and trawlers.

Parsons Engineering saw a modest improvement during the year in the sale of its marine equipment, while Matway Marine, manufacturers of steering gear, has started the current year with a much improved order book. The company's prospects for the current 12 months are good, says Mr. Ken Watson.

Assuming the hoped-for improvement in earnings materialises, says the chairman, the Board

DIVIDENDS ANNOUNCED

Company	Current payment	Date of payment	Corresponding div. %	Total for year %	Total last year %
Albion	10	Sept 10	10	10	10
Anglia Television	10	Sept 10	10	10	10
Belmont	10	Sept 10	10	10	10
Britannic Assurance	4pt	Sept 3	3.75	10	10
City London Brewery	11	Aug. 27	10	15	14
and Invest. Tst. 2nd Int.	11	Oct. 21	10	15	13
Wm. Cory	11	Oct. 21	10	15	13
De La Rue	11	Oct. 21	10	15	13
B. Elliott	2½	Oct. 23	5	5	5
Fairey	2½	Oct. 7	10	22½	10
Foreign & Colonial	4½	Sept. 30	4½	11½	11½
Gillett Bros. Dis.	5	Sept. 10	5	15	15
Glasgow Stock Trust Int.	5	Aug. 20	5	15	15
Hammond Brick	2½	—	7½	15½	15½
Kay-Bevan	25	—	28	28	28
Lorho	72.75p	Oct. 30	2.5p (c)	8.25	8.25
Low & Brydson	8	Oct. 6	8	8	8
Marrat Group	15	Sept. 30	15	15	15
Melody Mills	8	Sept. 1	8	19	19
Prestige	8	Oct. 3	11½	13½	11½
Quinton Hazell	12½	Sept. 14	30	22½	22½
Ruo Estates	7½	Oct. 6	15.5p	17.27	17.27
F. H. Tomkins	21½	Sept. 10	45cts	10cts	10cts
Madame Tussaud's	10	Sept. 10	5	15	15
Vereniging Estates	45cts	Sept. 10	5	15	15
Viscose Develop.	5	Sept. 14	11	21	11
Vita-Tex	7	—	—	—	—
J. White Footwear	21	—	—	—	—

* Equivalent after allowing for scrip issue. † Amount per share. (a) Tax free. (b) On capital increased by rights and/or acquisition issues. (c) Minimum total of 6.50p is forecast.

Anglia TV upsurge: interim 10%

SHARPLY INCREASED first-half profits from £201,321 to £243,000 are reported by Anglia Television, and the interim dividend is lifted from 7½ per cent to 10 per cent. A total of 30 per cent is paid for the year to October 31, 1970, from pre-tax profits of £203,618.

The first-half net figure is £232,083 (£153,521), after tax of £152,000 (£139,000). Last May the group had a 10 per cent increase in profitability in the current year.

Results of Anchor Enterprises, a subsidiary, are not included in the results as they are not significant.

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Quinton Hazell tops forecast

TURNING IN a profit, before tax, of £1,622,000 for the year ended March 31, 1971, Quinton Hazell (Holdings), the motor component manufacturing group, has comfortably exceeded the January forecast of profits exceeding £1,450,000. Compared with 1969-70 the figure is up by £405,000.

INTERNATIONAL COMPANY NEWS + EURO MARKETS

EEC Commission approves steel industry reshuffle in Germany

BY REGINALD DALE, COMMON MARKET CORRESPONDENT

BRUSSELS, July 28.

THE EEC Commission has formally approved the reorganisation of the German steel industry into regional groupings so as to promote specialisation. The new groups replace the four former sales offices handling German steel distribution. Community authorisation for which expired at the beginning of this month.

The German steel producers, as a result of the approved proposals for their reorganisation, after an earlier plan had been rejected by the Commission, are now free to operate in accordance with the rules of the European Coal and Steel Community. Although the new proposals restrict competition to a certain extent between German steel companies, the Commission justifies its approval on the grounds that they allow improvements in production and distribution that could not otherwise have been achieved.

The groups involved include all German producers of non-specialised steel, both large and small. The four so-called "regionalisation" groups are used on specialisation projects, and in most cases they must take back responsibility for the sale and distribution of their products—a role formerly played by the four sales offices.

The Commission has also added four conditions to its approval of the new groupings, which is valid up to the end of 1975. The independence of the steel companies must not be compromised by personal links or restrictive practices inside the groups or

Fine on sugar refiner

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

BRUSSELS, July 28.

THE Common Market Commission, for the first time, will fine a company for supplying it with false information on trading practices. The company concerned is Raffinerie Tirlemontoise, a Belgian sugar refining group.

It is understood that the fine, to be announced officially tomorrow, will be somewhat less than the \$5,000 maximum that the Commission is allowed to impose in such cases. Mr. Willy Schieder, director-general of the Commission's Competition Department, said that the Commission took a particularly serious view of information supplied in the form of company agreements in the form of an important effect on the consumer.

He implied that the Commission would like to see the \$5,000 maximum increased.

The Commission last month acted against three companies that had failed to supply trading information that was intended to explain why such a small amount of total Common Market sugar production is exported across Community frontiers. The Commission wanted similar information from the Belgian sugar group.

La Raffinerie Tirlemontoise, with a capital of about £7.65m, accounts for 100 per cent of sugar refining in Belgium. It has a number of formal and informal agreements with other refineries.

Shell Oil 2nd quarter profit falls 20%

BY OUR INTERNATIONAL COMPANY NEWS STAFF

CONSOLIDATED net income of

Shell Oil Company (USA) in the second quarter of 1971 totalled \$47.22m, or 70 cents a share, a decline of 20 per cent from the \$59.12m, (88 cents) earned in the same period last year. In the first six months of 1971, Shell earned \$92.27m (\$1.37), 19 per cent below the \$114.59m (\$1.69) earned in the first half of 1970.

Second-quarter sales and other operating revenue, excluding consumer taxes, rose to \$983.6m, this year from \$985.5m. Six-month revenue fell to \$1,807.6m in 1971 and \$1,772.6m in 1970.

Mr. Harry Bridges, president, said that improvements in petrol

prices necessary to cover increases in material and labour cost did not materialise, causing the second-quarter earnings to fall below expectations. He added: "Although the cost of purchased crude oil increased 8 per cent, last November and wages rose as a result of the settlement in January, Shell's retail automotive gasoline realisations in the second quarter were at the lowest level since 1966."

He said that in view of the depressed level of petrol prices and the failure of the chemical business to improve as expected, "it is unlikely that 1971 earnings will reach the level of last year."

IN BRIEF

Europe

● **ELF** ERAP, French State-owned petroleum group, reports consolidated net profit fell to Frs.315m, last year from Frs.373m, mainly due to provisions for unfavourable developments.

● **HOECHST** said its wholly-owned subsidiary, Kalle, reached a licensing agreement with Bausch & Lomb, of Yonkers, New York. Under agreement, Kalle will have right to sell in Europe re-graphic and other office equipment developed by Bausch & Lomb.

● **South** Dillingen, the companies grouped with Arbed and Otto Wolf, and the Schwabische Huettenwerke.

● **MANNESMANN FINANZ** HOLDING, of Luxembourg, subsidiary of Mannesmann, will float Sw.Frs.60m, 62 per cent, 13-year loan at par on Swiss capital market between August 10 and 13. Proceeds from loan will be used to cover Mannesmann's financing requirements outside West Germany.

North America

● **HUDSON'S BAY** OIL AND GAS, a subsidiary of Hudson's Bay Co., said first half of 1971 rose 10.6 per cent to \$68.72m. Gain in earnings resulted from 14.3 per cent rise in gross operating revenues.

● **TELEGRAPH CORP.** said it needs about \$500m, of new capital during 1972 to finance its construction programme and plans to sell a debenture issue of \$250m to its shareholders as end of September at rate of one old stock to 0.4 new stock. Payment required by November 30 at par value of \$1.00. In addition, the company expects to raise from a Common Share offering an additional \$100m for public subscription at market prices at time of issue. Its capital in about five years, executive vice-president, Robert W. Brown, said.

● **OCCEANIC PETROLEUM** aims to have about a five per cent share in Europe's petrol market in about five years, executive vice-president, Robert W. Brown, said. The company's sales volume in Europe to reach \$200m, U.S. gallons annually by end of 1971, roughly 2 per cent of markets in which it

operates, compared with 153m gallons at end of last year. Company plans to increase its outlets in Europe to 1,448 this year from current 1,179. Over half are in U.K., remainder in Belgium, Holland and West Germany.

● **KAISER INDUSTRIES CORP.** reported net earnings of \$8.5m, or 50 cents a share, for second quarter of 1971, compared with \$8.4m, or 50 cents a share, in second quarter of 1970. Second quarter earnings improvement followed first quarter loss and brought net earnings for first half of 1971 to \$17.9m, or 109 cents a share, compared with \$17.1m, or 105 cents a share, for first half of 1970.

● **PHILIP MORRIS** second quarter net earnings rose to \$53.5m, or 50 cents a share, from \$51.4m, or 48 cents a share, in second quarter of 1970. Six months net earnings advanced to \$107m, or 100 cents a share, from \$101.4m, or 95 cents a share, in six months of 1970. Revenues increased to \$584m, from \$565m.

● **STANDARD OIL CO. OF OHIO** second quarter net profit dropped to \$10.3m, (75 cents a share) from \$11.4m, (81 cents a share), in second quarter of 1970. Higher sales and operating revenues of \$347m, (83 cents a share), net profit in first half declined to \$24.2m, (81 cents a share), from \$26.2m, (84 cents a share), in first half of 1970. The 1971 results included extraordinary loss of \$1.3m, (ten cents).

● **TOKAI BANK** said it would allocate \$25m to capital stock to its shareholders as end of September at rate of one old stock to 0.4 new stock. Payment required by November 30 at par value of \$1.00. In addition, the company expects to raise from a Common Share offering an additional \$100m for public subscription at market prices at time of issue. Its capital in about five years, executive vice-president, Robert W. Brown, said.

● **G. J. COLES**, of Melbourne, said net profit rose to \$4.8m, or 10.9m, in year ended June 30 from \$3.8m, or 8.5m, in year ended June 30, 1970. In same period last year, and declared final dividend of 8 per cent, making unchanged total for year of 12 per cent.

DUTCH INDUSTRY

Gielissen exhibits all the signs of success

BY OUR CORRESPONDENT IN HAGUE

"THE day Britain enters the Common Market," says Dutch exhibition contractor Bert Gielissen, "I shall take a vacation of materials and a few men into the country and build a stand in the middle of London. Then we shall fight it out with the unions."

Until that time, he prefers to use Gielissen Ltd., his one-man subsidiary in Trafalgar Square, as a point of contact through which British exhibitors at Continental trade fairs can book the services of his company at Eindhoven where a new factory was opened recently.

U.K. custom

Gielissen's first year in the British market, 1970, brought him over £100,000 worth of custom. His clients there include the Central Office of Information, for which he built exhibition stands at Schiphol Airport and at the Amsterdam Petrotech '70 fair.

He is the only exhibition contractor of any nationality to advertise in Exhibition Bulletin, the British trade paper, and one of his advertising slogans in the U.K. is "No strikes."

"Some people say British workers are lazy. That's definitely not true. Some time ago, I produced a stand at a textile machinery fair in Paris, together with a British colleague. His men came over from England to build the floors, walls and ceilings; we did the rest. There was no demarcation nonsense or anything of that kind in such circumstances, you can work extremely well with Englishmen."

"One of my own senior people at Eindhoven is British. As soon as he sets foot in England, he becomes a different man: looks over his shoulder at the shop stewards all the time."

Gielissen's directness is tempered by the good humour of the Southerner. He is fiercely proud of his native Brabant and once walked out on a prospective client in Amsterdam who had insulted the Brabanters. But as a manager he is a typical Dutch boss. His three deputies all joined his firm as carpenters—"I trained them up myself."

He really listens to advice and he can delegate responsibility as well as accept it.

His father started a small building firm at Eindhoven half a century ago. To fill up spare capacity during the slump, he began making exhibition stands

for Philips Lamps in the thirties. The son at first rejected his father's trade and got a job in Philips' planning department at 18. He stayed five years, learned a lot, but was compelled to join the family firm during the year, when a reserved occupation was the only way to avoid being deported to forced labour in Germany.

In 1950, Gielissen stopped building houses altogether in order to concentrate on exhibition contracting, which was then entering its first boom under the European Recovery Programme.

Philips has remained an important client. Gielissen are now the sole contractors for all the electrical group's trade fair work in Holland, and some of it abroad. Other regular customers include Akzo, the self-service wholesaler, Hatema-Texprint, and the DRU-Dina-Dalderop group, as well as the Netherlands Dairy Bureau, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Poultry and Eggs Marketing Board, and the Netherlands Council for Trade Promotion.

The company's field of activity has spread over nearly the whole of Europe, including the USSR, Poland, East Germany and Czechoslovakia. It reaches as far as the U.S., Japan, Kenya, Indonesia, Tunisia, Algeria, Egypt and the Comorles. Total sales, of which some 40 per cent are now earned abroad, have increased by more than 25 per cent a year since 1966, will pass the Fls.5m mark this year, and are planned to reach Fls.5m to Fls.10m in the mid-seventies.

But comparable wage costs in North America are much stiffer still: approximately \$16 an hour in the U.S. That is one of the reasons why he can send a container full of material, plus one man, all the way across the Atlantic to set up a stand in the U.S. at about one-third of the local American contract price.

Finally, the annual-to-annual contract price Gielissen has to put out his hands to his customers, rather than selling them. In this way, his company is the one to finance the investment. This has proved a great attraction to clients.

Sole owner and managing director of a 100-man company at 37, the builder's son is ready for the next expansion, with another 20,000 square feet of adjoining floor space in reserve. But growth is not a fetish. Family, friends, holidays, tennis and tennis bowling—and the traditional four-day riot at carnival time—will not be sacrificed. "Push, push, but keep pushing," is his motto.

Techniques

Gielissen's success is based on several interrelated management principles. First, he has been able to develop mass production and standardisation techniques, with all their cost advantages, without sacrificing the strong "custom-hulk" element which is always a characteristic of exhibition displays.

This system of production enables him to keep overtime and additional wage costs down to a minimum. "We never have to work on Sundays or rarely on Saturdays. We can always deliver the goods on time."

Secondly, he is the only company in Holland, and one of the few in the world, able to supply a fully integrated service, from

SELECTED EURODOLLAR BOND PRICES

MID-DAY INDICATIONS

	9d	Offer		9d	Offer
Alitalia	102 1/2	102 1/2	Alitalia	102 1/2	102 1/2
Alitalia 1975	102 1/2	102 1/2	Alitalia 1975	102 1/2	102 1/2
Alitalia 1976	102 1/2	102 1/2	Alitalia 1976	102 1/2	102 1/2
Alitalia 1977	102 1/2	102 1/2	Alitalia 1977	102 1/2	102 1/2
Alitalia 1978	102 1/2	102 1/2	Alitalia 1978	102 1/2	102 1/2
Alitalia 1979	102 1/2	102 1/2	Alitalia 1979	102 1/2	102 1/2
Alitalia 1980	102 1/2	102 1/2	Alitalia 1980	102 1/2	102 1/2
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Alitalia 1991	102 1/2	102 1/2	Alitalia 1991	102 1/2	102 1/2
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Alitalia 1994	102 1/2	102 1/2	Alitalia 1994	102 1/2	102 1/2
Alitalia 1995	102 1/2	102 1/2	Alitalia 1995	102 1/2	102 1/2
Alitalia 1996	102 1/2	102 1/2	Alitalia 1996	102 1/2	102 1/2
Alitalia 1997	102 1/2	102 1/2	Alitalia 1997	102 1/2	102 1/2
Alitalia 1998	102 1/2	102 1/2	Alitalia 1998	102 1/2	102 1/2
Alitalia 1999	102 1/2	102 1/2	Alitalia 1999	102 1/2	102 1/2
Alitalia 2000	102 1/2	102 1/2	Alitalia 2000	102 1/2	102 1/2

BIDS AND DEALS

Truman forecasting £3m.

In the current year to March 31, 1972, Truman Hanbury Buxton expects pre-tax profits "marginally in excess of £3m, compared with £2.5m in the previous 12 months, states chairman Mr. Derrick Pease in a letter recommending the formal offer from Grand Metropolitan Hotels.

The documents give rival bidders Watney Mann very few new details to work on when considering whether or not it should bid again for Truman.

Grand Met. repeats its forecast that pre-tax profits this year will be £3.1m (£14.837.000 last time) and also states again its commercial reasons for wanting Truman.

Details are given for the first time of the stock to be offered in an alternative bid, the market at Grand Met's bid. It is a 91 per cent, unsecured loan stock dated 1977-78. Grand Met. is also offered one of its 42 per cent preference shares for every 100 shares of £4 per cent. Preference stock of Truman.

First closing date of the offer is August 18.

Mr. Goldsmith commented yesterday: "We are keeping our options open since we are not yet sure whether there is a third party waiting in the wings."

Certainly the stock market is sure that the auction is close, and the bidding is expected to close yesterday at 402 1/2.

It is substantially in excess of the present offering of 354p from Rowntree Mackintosh and 321p from Cavenham.

NORVIC CALLS IN HILL SAMUEL

The Board of Norvic Shoe has called in Hill Samuel to advise on the bid from Mr. Christopher Selmes' Drakes investment, containing a bid for the company's shares at 402 1/2.

The Norvic ordinary closed 31p up at 361p compared with the 45p at which they are each valued by the offer package. News of the bid met with a sharp reaction in the Drakes price which was 12p down at 178p last night.

The Norvic directors said yesterday a full statement will be sent to shareholders as soon as possible.

METRO DYERS

Metro Dyers and Cleaners (Liverpool) has agreed to acquire the capital of Inverwey Investments, a property investment company. Consideration is £100,000 in Metro shares and 100,000 shares of Metro at 65p per share.

At April 5, 1971, Inverwey had net tangible assets of £192,262 which included properties of £187,000, professional valuation in June, 1971. Profit surplus to tax for 1970-71 was £7,500.

Metro will be taking over the management of Inverwey's activities and believe that this acquisition will strengthen the group's assets and earning potential when full advantage has been taken of its property and redevelopment potential.

WALLACE BROTHERS

Wallace Brothers Holdings (Australia) Pty. Ltd., a subsidiary of the London-based Wallace Brothers Group, is expanding its interests in the Australian construction industry and real estate. Through an associate, Torrence Holdings Pty. Ltd., jointly owned by the Wallace Group and the Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation, a 25 per cent interest in Watkins Consolidated, of Brisbane, has been acquired for £240,000. Watkins has an annual turnover of more than £5m, and completed building contracts of another £5m.

The placement of 500,000 shares by Watkins Consolidated to Torrence Holdings Pty. was negotiated at 75 cents per share, against a current market price in excess of 90 cents a share.

LAMPA MINING

Lampa Mining is informed that the prospective buyer has not received official permission for foreign exchange to acquire

Minsur Partnership in the time delay in the agreement and has requested an extension. Discussions are continuing.

MORE HAY'S WHARF PROPERTY DEALS

Two deals by the Proprietors of Hay's Wharf complete the company's arrangements for the redevelopment of its 25 acres of land on the South side of the Thames, opposite the City of London.

Hay's Wharf announced last December that London Bridge Developments had been formed jointly with British Commercial Property Investments (B.C.P.I.), a subsidiary of the London Merchant Securities. It was then envisaged that this company would buy from Hay's Wharf a long leasehold interest in a half-acre site immediately to the West of London Bridge, and build a 30,000 square foot office block for which an Urban Development Permit had been granted together with a Livery Hall.

However, it has not been possible to proceed with the project on mutually acceptable terms. As a result, new arrangements have been made and an agreement to grant a long lease of the site to an institution has not been signed, and a premium of £23m. has been received by Hay's Wharf.

The development is to be undertaken jointly by B.C.P.I., investment and Property and Reside. (Reside is already involved in the development of Hay's Wharf land, to the East of London Bridge). Under the terms of the agreement Hay's Wharf will also retain an equity interest in the development.

The second deal concerns a key site of about three acres just West of London Bridge, where an ODP for 282,000 square feet—attached to an unnamed tenant—has already been granted. A conditional contract dependent upon planning permission has been exchanged between Hay's Wharf and Reside Investments (C.I.T.). The contract involves ground rent plus equity participation.

Reside Investments (C.I.T.) is a new company owned jointly by Amalgamated Investment and Property and Mr. Michael Rivkin's private Reside group of companies.

KINLOCH

Kinloch pension fund now holds £22,215.6 per cent. Cumulative Preference shares fall those in issue in Kinloch (Provision Merchants).

Sheepy Trust has now disposed of its entire holding of Ordinary shares in the company. In addition to the Preference shares.

R. & J. PULLMAN

R. & J. Pullman has acquired for cash the capital of Cord Dyeing Company, of Hebdon Bridge, Yorkshire, dyers and finishers of corduroy cloth and allied fabrics.

This acquisition now enables the group to control the complete process of weaving, dyeing and

distributing important quantities of cord cloth, which there is an ever-increasing demand.

BLUEMEL SAYS REJECT AGAIN

The directors of Bluemel Bros. have issued a further statement rejecting the bid from Bristol Street Group and taking up a number of points contained in Bristol's recent document.

The Bluemel Board says it can see no reason for Bristol to discuss commercial advantages because those which have been mentioned "are not of substance" and because "the bid is in any event unacceptable."

They also see no reason to make a profits forecast for the current year as Bristol has made no forecast of its own profits.

SHAWFIELD

Recommending the £432,000 cash offer from GRA Property Trust, Mr. William P. Dunn, chairman of the Shawfield Greyhound Racing Company, says pre-tax profits for the year to August 31, 1971, will be about £23,500 compared with £20,220 for the previous year.

The stadium has been revalued on two bases—on an investment basis at £225,900 and on a development basis at £100,000. The £432,000 offer represents a 33 per cent margin at 3.3 per cent, was unchanged on last year's first quarter but had slipped back from the higher levels achieved in the last quarter of 1970-71.

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On further outlook, he stressed that the company was still a matter of major concern but counter measures were likely to prove more effective than a year ago. Companies in Europe showed signs of overcoming their problems and in the U.K. there were improving trends with generally healthy order books.

On investment Sir Arthur told holders that the high level of the last two years would continue in the current year. Plans include installation by Thomas De La Rue of equipment for the personalisation of a total cost not exceeding £25,000.

First closing date for the offer is August 20.

TDG

Transport Development Group has acquired the capital of Entress Transport of North Road, Llanmawr, Swansea. Consideration consisted of the issue of 40,000 Ordinary shares of Transport Development Group Limited.

The company provides extensive haulage services from the South Wales coast, with a fleet of 100 vehicles and will continue under the direction of the present managing director, Mr. W. H. Entress.

BUCK & HICKMAN

Stirling Guarantee Trust announces that its offer for Buck and Hickman not already owned have been accepted by holders of 802,024 Ordinary and 330,293 Preference shares, and both have been declared as fully paid. Holders of 15,715 Ordinary 11 per cent. also accepted the cash offer.

WARNER HOLIDAYS

Warner Holidays is acquiring Vista Tours. Part of the consideration is the issue of 100,000 "A" Ordinary shares, the balance will be dealt with after October 31.

BSA SELLS FACTORY

Birmingham Small Arms has sold its empty freehold factory at Redditch for more than £1m. The sale, to a buyer who wishes to remain anonymous for the time being, was effected by a sale treaty by Edwards Bigwood and Bewlay, of Birmingham.

De La Rue still sees improvement

ANNOUNCING first quarter earnings in line with expectations, Sir Arthur said the overall profit margin at De La Rue told members at yesterday's annual meeting that he was still of the view that the current year would show a "worthwhile improvement" in 1970-71.

In the three months ended March 31, 1971, earnings showed an increase from £231,000 to £231,000—equal to 2.5p (2p) per 50p share.

Sales rose from £12,820m to £14,590m, and profit, before tax, from £688,000 to £778,000. Sir Arthur said the overall profit margin at 3.3 per cent, was unchanged on last year's first quarter but had slipped back from the higher levels achieved in the last quarter of 1970-71.

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Tourist Board calls for Government hotel grading

BY JOHN HUNT

A SYSTEM for the grading and classification of hotels should be introduced by the Government without delay, urges the English Tourist Board in its annual report published today.

Unlike the British Hotels and Restaurants Association, which is opposed to such a scheme, the Board sets it as the best method of protecting the foreign visitor.

"Registration and classification by objective standards is seen as being in the best long-term interests of the consumer and of the tourist industry," the report states.

"Protection"

"Indeed, the bona fide hotel keeper should welcome the protection which registration can bring to him."

It points out that the Government has yet to activate the section of the Development of Tourism Act which allows for registration and classification of tourist accommodation.

The Board re-affirms support for the proposal and for the introduction of low and high season price ranges. Even if the Government were to take the decision now, it would take many months of research and preparation before a practical system could be implemented.

Self-catering

"Smaller hotels and guest houses, on the other hand, which in many resorts form the bulk of tourist accommodation, are finding that the traditional appeal of homely accommodation by the sea is losing its attraction."

Bad start for U.K. resorts

BRITAIN'S holiday resorts have had an "absolutely disastrous" start to the summer season, the British Hotels and Restaurants Association said yesterday.

The association blames the general industrial and economic unrest. "A holiday is among the first things which a person economises," an association spokesman said.

"Resorts are definitely finding a bit of a squeeze on discretionary spending," says a spokesman. "The number of bookings at the resorts has fallen."

Sharp rise in exports of ferrous scrap

EXPORTS of ferrous scrap have rocketed from 11,242 tons in January to 42,034 tons in May, according to figures published yesterday by the British Scrap Federation.

The upturn coincides with the gradual easing of the Government's ban on overseas sales of scrap, which culminated in mid-April with the granting of an open general licence for the export of all but certain highly specialised grades. The situation is due to be reviewed by the Department of Trade and Industry in October.

Mr. Alfred Cooper, president of the BSF, yesterday urged permission for "continued general exportation rather than an open licence for a period and a complete shutdown."

He claimed in London that the Government move had come too late, despite the scrap surplus in the U.K., for producers to take advantage of peak demand conditions in Europe.

As a result, British producers obtained in January an average export price of around £20 a ton, while by May that figure had dropped to £16.

According to a report from the Federation, British scrap merchants and processors have little to fear if the U.K. enters the Common Market.

Prices would fluctuate as a result of the likely entry of the U.K. steel industry, but the scrap market would probably be higher, the report maintains.

Access to such traditional markets as Spain and the Far East, however, might well be severely curtailed. "But, British scrap exporters have had to live with a stop/go export policy for a long time."

The total market potential will be much greater. Profits will be made, and there is no lack of prosperous European merchants to prove this."

The Department of Trade and Industry announced yesterday that the ban on exports of stainless steel scrap worth between £50 and £350 a ton is to be removed on August 3.

The ban on overseas sales of iron and steel alloys containing 50 per cent or more of iron and 5 per cent or more of nickel, and valued at less than £350 a ton, was imposed some 18 months ago when the world nickel shortage was at its height.

The British Scrap Industry and the Common Market. British Scrap Federation, free to members.

Industry 'should lift ban on study of alcoholism'

DUSTY SHOULD lift its ban on investigations into the rising problem of alcoholism and should encourage research and social workers to factories, says a report published yesterday by the Medical Council on Alcoholism.

A conference is urged with workers from both sides of industry. The council offers to finance the conference and suggests that Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary for Social Services, should attend.

The cost of the "hidden disease" to industry is estimated at £50m.

The number of young alcoholics increasing, says the council, they have more money and are seeking "shortcuts" at an earlier age.

A recent report showed that 1 of the police proceedings must drivers for drink or drugs last year involved motorists aged under 30.

Eight new centres had been opened by Alcoholics Anonymous for youngsters.

"Odd refusal"

The report comments that the industrial scene was the one disappointing area.

Industry's "odd refusal" to allow research and information centres was difficult to explain. Could it be because of fear that research would show the incidence in either the boardroom or workshop floor was too high and that figures might be used as "weapons" by management or unions?

"If so, such shibboleths based on Victorian temperance attitudes, must be removed."

BEA earns over £300m. for Britain

BY RAY DAFER

BRITISH European Airways, med 25 years ago on Sunday, carried more than 94m. passengers and earned over £300m. for Britain.

The airline was launched with capital of £20m. and within a year it made its first report—£1.2m. It was not until its 15th year that it made its first profit—a fraction over £50,000.

Today, claiming to be Europe's number one airline, BEA has four subsidiaries and eight associated companies and a capital of £157m. In the 25 years it has paid a dividend of £54m. in interest on its borrowings.

In 1969-70 the airline's total income was £120m. of which £7m. was earned in foreign currencies.

Bankers' records on microfilm

NEARLY 1.5m. shareholders' records are to be transferred to microfilm by merchant bankers Hill Samuel and Co. using the COM (computer output on microfilm) technique.

It represents an investment of £100,000 in equipment and a further £100,000 in development costs, and should come into operation early next year.

The computer will print on to one postcard-size piece of microfilm a microfiche—the summarised details of 6,000 shareholders' accounts. Thus the essential details of 1.5m. shareholders in 180 companies will be stored in a space equivalent to that of a small book.

The existing card register filing system occupies 27,000 times that space.

Access to the account of any shareholder can be achieved in 7-10 seconds. The system will enable Hill Samuel to take on an increased number of clients and at the same time update share transfers faster.

Management change

This technical advance is being accompanied by a change in management structure. The Registrars under the chairmanship of Mr. Kenneth Winkles, Hill Samuel's finance and administration director, will be Mr. Edwin Bennett, formerly the director in charge of the Department.

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APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Hooker heads Crane Fruehauf



Mr. F. A. Zuttner

Mr. Ronald G. Hooker, managing director of CRANE FRUEHAUF TRAILERS since February 1969, has been appointed chairman. He succeeds Mr. Iao T. Morrow who has resigned from the Board because of increased commitments, particularly Rolls-Royce (1971), of which he is deputy chairman and managing director.

Mr. Hooker is succeeded as managing director of Crane Fruehauf by Mr. D. R. Marsh, who was previously sales and marketing director.

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been elected to the Board of INTERNATIONAL AERADIO (BOAC) as a nominee of the 'A' Ordinary shareholders in succession to Mr. C. A. Herring, an executive Board member of BEA, who has retired from the LAL Board.

The holders of the 'B' Ordinary shares have elected Mr. G. Sirtoll, the nominee of Alitalia Linee Aeree Italiane S.p.A. to the Board in succession to Mr. S. A. Piculel who has served for the statutory two years as the nominee of Scandinavian Airlines System.

The 'A' class shareholders have also appointed Mr. R. M. Hilary, commercial director, BOAC, and Mr. G. C. Oraper, director, travel sales division, BEA, to the LAL Board.

Mr. M. A. A. Britwistle has been appointed chairman of the northern weaving division of COURTAULDS. Mr. A. Ellis has become a director of BRITISH CELANESSE, a Courtaulds subsidiary.

Mr. Kenneth Forsier has been appointed a director of HASLE-MERE ESTATES.

Mr. G. L. Perrot has resigned as a director and secretary of GRIMSHAW-WINDSOR and its subsidiaries and has been succeeded as secretary by Mr. P. J. Blenkinsop.

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The Board of BARLOW RANO has been reconstituted as follows: Mr. C. S. Barlow (executive chairman), Mr. P. Barlow (joint deputy chairman), Mr. A. M. S. Cohen, Mr. K. C. Conine, Mr. F. J. C. Cronje, Mr. G. W. Dunntogham, Mr. O. W. Over, Mr. M. E. Gamble, Mr. R. J. Goss, Mr. S. G. Keatley, Mr. N. Kramer, Mr. J. Nuyes, Mr. K. Road, Mr. P. E. Rousseau, Mr. G. H. Waddell and Mr. S. J. Wilson-Milne, Alternate directors: Mr. D. Brown, Mr. N. L. Holtford and Mr. A. C. Petersen.

Mr. J. H. Gruguen, deputy leader of the Kent County Council, has been appointed a member of the SOUTH EAST ECONOMIC PLANNING COUNCIL.

Mr. Leo H. Haff has joined the Board of STONEGA SECURITIES.

Mr. James Jack has retired from executive duties with BRITISH STEEL CORPORATION after 38 years in the industry. He continues as a part-time consultant and retains the position of non-executive chairman of certain BSC subsidiary companies: West Africa. He also continues as chairman of the Burlington and Simpson Rolling Mills.

Mr. J. W. Plavler and Mr. J. White have been appointed managing directors respectively of LINTAFOAM (LONDON) and LINTAFOAM (MANCHESTER), the new operating company formed by Lintafilm, part of the Guthrie Corporation.

The other directors of the companies are: Lintafilm (London)—Mr. J. C. Ratcliff (chairman), Mr. S. B. Cant, Mr. A. Gilbert, Mr. P. Haden, Mr. K. Pacey and Mr. A. J. Welford; Lintafilm (Manchester)—Mr. R. Cliffe (chairman), Mr. Cant, Mr. A. W. Easter, Mr. F. N. Emer, Mr. W. G. Holt and Mr. R. Woodbridge.

THE JOHNSON MATTHEY GROUP



Mr. L. C. Montague
Retiring Chairman

Year ended 31st March 1971

Group pre-tax profits	£6.26 million
Taxation	£2.16 million
Ordinary share dividend	12½%
Retained	£1.88 million



Lord Robens
New Chairman

Extracts from Mr. L. C. Montague's address to Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting on 28th July 1971

At the close of this meeting I shall be severing my connection with the Company except as a small shareholder, and as I have been close to the hub of its affairs for 38 years, first as Secretary and later as a Director, I hope that you will not feel that I am wasting your time if I share with you some of my thoughts about it.

The visible achievements of the Company over that period are possibly well known to you as they are to me. At the start of that time and for a number of years following we had an issued capital of less than half a million pounds, not more than 500 employees and, outside of the United Kingdom, small footholds in the United States and Canada only.

Today we have an issued capital of £17 million and reserves of £20 million, 8,500 employees and a world-wide network of subsidiary and associated companies.

This growth has not been fortuitous. The foundations for it were well laid by our forerunners, but the greater part of what has been built on those foundations represents the efforts of those who happily are still in the Company's service some at this meeting and others in the offices, laboratories and workshops of the Group in this country and abroad.

We have always been fortunate in having a number of outstanding people in the Company's service... given this, what makes for success is the fitness of each man for his particular responsibilities, a good measure of harmony within each group, and close integration of all the groups into a single team.

I believe that today these conditions are met in greater degree than at any time in my experience. It is an uncommonly well integrated team, and I am not making a show of modesty in saying that my replacement by Lord Robens, with his proven achievements and his enormously wide industrial experience, cannot fail to add to its performance.

I ask you to accept that in saying this I am not paying a conventional courtesy to the colleagues I am leaving. That would be quite out of place at such a time as this.

What I have expressed is my cold-blooded appraisal of the management of your Company, and of its fitness to cope with whatever conditions lie ahead.

Members of the public who would be interested in receiving a copy of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts are invited to write to The Secretary, who has a limited number of copies available.

	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967
Profit of the Group before taxation	6,255,824	9,224,480	7,142,422	8,136,087	4,308,196
Profit of the Group after taxation	4,099,376	4,791,848	3,948,027	4,309,179	2,454,614
Total distribution to shareholders, net	1,293,150	1,254,970	1,155,278	864,925	829,608
Retained	1,882,157	2,615,212	1,912,148	2,524,655	939,635
Capital employed	45,778,492	47,764,866	44,240,804	31,041,726	22,835,703

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To-day's events

PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS—
House of Commons: Second day of session on the Industrial Relations Bill. Lords amendment. House of Lords: Immigration Bill, Social Security Bill and Civil Aviation Bill. Committee stage. Commons amendments to the Minerals Working Bill.

COMPANY MEETINGS—
BEECHWOOD CONSTRUCTION, Cardiff. (Chairman, Mr. I. Griffiths.)
HEADFORD PROPERTY TRUST, Bradford. (Chairman, Sir Henry Warner.)
BRITISH STEAM SPECIALITIES, Glasgow. (Chairman, Mr. A. Stone.)
BRITISH CINEMATHEGRAPH THEATRES, 9, Richmond Buildings W., 2.45. (Chairman, Mr. J. W. Davies.)
BRITISH STEAM SPECIALITIES, Leicester. (Chairman, Mr. Helen P. Waudry.)

CASTINGS, Sutton Coldfield, 12.30. (Chairman, Mr. J. F. Cooke.)
CHARINGHAM GARDEN LOCKET, 40, Chancery Square, E.C.1. (Chairman, Mr. H. D. R. Lorraine.)
CONTINENTAL INDUSTRIAL TRUST, 12, Chancery, E.C.2. (Chairman, Mr. A. L. Hood.)
DANMILL, Sheffield, 4.30. (Chairman, Mr. Doncaster (Daniel) and Sons, Sheffield. (Chairman, Mr. R. T. Doncaster.)

ELECTRONIC RENTALS AND GENERAL HOLDINGS, St. Ermin Hotel, 2.W. 12. (Chairman, Mr. J. G. Bunt.)
ELECTRONIC TRUST, 8, Crosby Square, E.C.1. (Chairman, Mr. R. M. Roberts.)

EXTERNAL INVESTMENT TRUST, 29, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3. (Chairman, Mr. M. C. Devel.)

GODFREY'S, 24, High Street, Wimbledon, S.W. 11. (Chairman, Mr. J. A. A. (Jaggers).)
HOUSE OF FRASER, Glasgow. (Chairman, Sir Hugh Fraser.)
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MANSPILL BREWERY, Chesham, 12. (Chairman, Mr. R. W. Chadderton.)
MENZIES (JOHN), Edinburgh. (Chairman, Mr. J. M. Menzies.)
MORAN TYS, 3, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3. (Chairman, Mr. T. G. Cardon-Smith.)
PRESS (WILLIAM) GROUP, Connaught Rooms, W.C.2. (Chairman, Sir Michael Milne-Watson.)
NEED INTERNATIONAL, 28, Aldermanbury, E.C.1. (Chairman, Mr. S. T. Ryan.)
REKOLD, Manchester, 2.30. (Chairman, Sir Thomas Brown Robinson.)
SHEPHERD ENGINEERING, Grosvenor House, W. 12.30. (Chairman, Lord Abercromby.)
ST. PETER'S MINING, Winchester House, E.C.1. (Chairman, Mr. W. R. B. Foster.)
TATE OF LEEDS, Leeds, 11.30. (Chairman, Mr. T. Tate.)
TRIUMPH INVESTMENT TRUST, Great Eastern Hotel, E.C.3. (Chairman, Mr. G. T. Whyte.)
TUNNEL CEMENT, 21, Tudor Street, S.W. 12. (Chairman, Mr. J. H. (Hunt).)
WALKERS (CENTURY OILS), Sloane-Trent, 2.30. (Chairman, Mr. D. Christie.)
WHITING, 29, Ermine Road, S.W. 12. (Chairman, Lord Erroll of Hale.)
WITAM INVESTMENT, 28, Austin Friars, E.C.4. (Chairman, Mr. R. S. Schreiber.)

FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTANCY APPOINTMENTS

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS
APPEAR TODAY ON PAGE 14

Young Accountant c. £3,500

Promotion has created a vacancy in our Finance and Information Division for a young accountant (aged 23-27) whose main responsibilities will be associated with the preparation of period and annual accounts. We are looking for a graduate with formal accountancy training or a qualified accountant either with some industrial experience or who has demonstrated his potential in his professional examinations.

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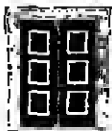
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A Portfolio Manager—preferably an Actuary or Chartered Accountant—is required by a leading Merchant Bank to work in its rapidly growing Pension Funds Department.

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CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

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The development comprises a dam and associated civil works together with an underground power house for two intimately twin Francis turbine generators together with a surface sub-station and control buildings.

This is the first of a series of three identical schemes to be developed, the first and second having dealt with civil works, turbines, generator, gates, transmission line, miscellaneous mechanical plant and general electrical equipment contracts.

Financing of the development will be assisted by a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and only tenders from I.B.R.D. member countries and Switzerland may participate as no expenditure will be permitted outside these territories.

Separate tenders for the undermentioned contracts will be called for at the dates given below.

Contract Number	Contract	Earliest Date of Tender Document Issue
KAM 520	Transformers	1-9-71
	Supply and erection of two 37 MVA 132/11kV ONAN OPAF generator Transformers, one 50 MVA 132/6.6kV ONAN-OPAF Auto Transformer complete with on-load tap change equipment having a 20% range.	
KAM 639	Sub-station equipment	15-9-71
	Supply and erection of equipment and materials for a new 220/132kV sub-station and the extension of two existing 132kV sub-stations including two 132/11kV and two 111kV circuit breakers, isolating switches for these three voltages also for 500 and 400 kV busbars and two 111kV circuit breakers, isolating switches for line coupling equipment for the power line carrier equipment covered by Contract KAM 650, including capacitor voltage transformers, strain and post insulators, bus-bars and connections, surge diverters, galvanised steel structures, three 500 kVA station transformers, two 111 kVA 111kV with on-load tap change gear and one 23/0.415kV with on-load tap change gear and one 23/0.415kV neutral earthing unit, three current transformers, control relays and metering, cables, two control desks, MVACE switchgear, 110 and 50 volt batteries with charger and DC distribution boards, HV power and medium voltage cables, earthing and sundries.	
KAM 650	Remote Control and Power Line Carrier Equipment	15-10-71
	Supply and erection of electric, optical, cyclic telemetry equipment, two links, one of 20 analogue 110 contacts and one of 9 analogue 9 contacts, electro-mechanical supervisory remote control equipment with 19 line state contacts and 15 single state controls. Power line carrier equipment with single side band, A.F. frequency shift modulator, and protection signalling equipment for one 105 km link.	
	One 20 line PAZ exchange and additional connecting trunk call selectors for two sub-station complexes.	
	The commissioning date of the development is to be March, 1974.	
	Intending bidders should state which Contract they are interested in and submit not as a pre-qualification a brief description of comparable works they have performed. These particulars are to be submitted in the English language to the following addresses:	
The Secretary Tana River Development Company Limited, Marlow House, 109 Station Road, SIDCUP, KENT DA15 7AU, United Kingdom.		Engineering & Power Development Consultants, Marlow House, 109 Station Road, SIDCUP, KENT DA15 7AU, United Kingdom.

INTERIM STATEMENTS

SECOND BRITISH ASSETS TRUST LIMITED

Six Months to 30th June 1971

The Directors have declared an Interim Dividend in respect of the year to 31st December 1971 on the Ordinary 25p shares of the Company of 2.10p per share (equiv. 2.08p). The payment date is 6th September 1971.

The unaudited figures of the Company for the six months to 30th June 1971 are shown below, together with the comparable figures for the six months to 30th June 1970.

	30th June 1971	30th June 1970
Total income—Franked	£218,000	£248,000
—Unfranked	£18,000	£22,000
Interest and Expenses	£536,000	£540,000
Total Assets	£30,640,000	£24,400,000
8 per cent Convertible Subordinated Loan Stock 1973/98	£1,652,210	£1,652,210
Ordinary 25p shares in issue	8,000,000	8,000,000

Net Assets available for holders of convertible Loan Stock (assuming full conversion) and Ordinary Shares after deducting other prior charges at par	£25,219,000	£18,762,000
Equivalent per share to	238p	178p

NOTES

- The applicable amount of the full London Dollar Premium has been included in the valuation. Twenty-five per cent of this amount is liable to surrender on realisation and would reduce the amount available per Ordinary share by 4p.
- Corporation Tax on Unfranked Income less Interest, Expenses and Withholding Taxes to date is £13,000 (£3,000). Overseas Taxes to date amount to £14,000 (£14,000).
- Account has been taken in the current year's figures of Provisional Capital Gains Tax of £34,000 (£32,000) on sales to date.
- An unsecured loan of \$1 million has been negotiated for an initial period of three months to 21st September 1971, at a rate of 8 per cent per annum.

BRITISH ASSETS TRUST LIMITED

Nine Months to 30th June 1971

The Directors announce the unaudited figures of the company for the nine months to 30th June 1971. These are shown below, together with the comparable figures for the nine months to 30th June 1970.

	30th June 1971	30th June 1970
Total Income—Franked	£1,119,000	£1,174,000
—Unfranked	£15,000	£22,000
Interest and Expenses	£1,934,000	£1,898,000
Total Assets	£86,165,000	£65,452,000
5 per cent Convertible Subordinated Loan Stock 1973/98	£8,000,000	£8,000,000
Ordinary 25p shares in issue	80,000,000	80,000,000

Net Assets available for holders of Convertible Loan Stock (assuming full conversion) and Ordinary Shares after deducting other prior charges at par	£72,304,000	£51,404,000
Equivalent per share to	751p	531p

NOTES

- The applicable amount of the full London Dollar Premium has been included in the valuation. Twenty-five per cent of this amount is liable to surrender on realisation and would reduce the amount available per Ordinary share by 2p.
- Corporation Tax on Unfranked Income less Interest, Expenses and Withholding Taxes to date is £ nil (£ nil). Overseas Taxes to date amount to £66,000 (£66,000).
- Account has been taken in the current year's figures of Provisional Capital Gains Tax of £223,000 (£420,000) on sales to date.
- An Unsecured Loan of Dollars 3 million has been negotiated for an initial period of 3 months to 21st September 1971 at a rate of 8 per cent per annum.

Kennedy's

(BUILDERS' MERCHANTS) LIMITED

Interim Statement (unaudited) for the six months period ended 31st May, 1971.

	6 months to 31.5.71	8 months to 31.5.70
Turnover	£3,490,038	£2,580,000
Net Profit before Tax	£238,000	£112,500
Corporation Tax	£5,200 (40%)	£6,625 (45%)
Loan interest and finance charges	£1,946	—
Preference Dividend	£3,770	£3,770
Interim Dividend:		
On Ordinary Share Capital as increased by Scrip Issue	£58,000	£44,300
	(equivalent to 10% on old capital)	8%
Retained profits	£1,064	£13,305

SCRIP ISSUE: One Ordinary Share for every four held by shareholders registered on 20.7.71. The dividend will be paid on 1st November, 1971.

COMMENTS: Sales for the first six months' trading, excluding Joyces and Lawry's, show an increase in excess of 18%. However, the increase in Net Profit for the period under review is compared with a depressed first half last year.

The increase in sales in the second half is being maintained, but the results for this period have to be compared with the recovery which occurred in the second half last year.

FUTURE PROSPECTS: The Board has every confidence that the improvement in the private sector of the Building Industry is being maintained. This view is strengthened by recent Government measures to stimulate the economy.

Provided this trend continues the Board predicts a profit for the full year before Corporation Tax and Finance Charges in excess of £525,000, and dependent upon this the rate of Final Dividend previously paid will be maintained on the Share Capital as increased by the bonus issue.

New PO centre for London

By Michael Cassell

A £7.5m. MULTI-PURPOSE telecommunications centre, claimed as one of the largest and most comprehensive of its type in the world, is to be built for the Post Office in London.

The centre, sited at Vauxhall, South London, will be completed in 1974. Operations will begin early in 1976 after £3m. worth of equipment for the first phase of the development has been installed.

Included in the new building, to be known as Keybridge House, will be an international telex exchange capable of handling 65,000 calls an hour at peak periods to some 110 countries. By the 1980s, the centre will deal with between two-thirds and three-quarters of all international telex traffic.

There will also be an inland telex exchange to serve 36,000 London customers, and function as a trunk centre for thousands of customers in the South-East. The PO is currently experiencing sizeable growth in the level of telex business handled, and it expects this situation to continue up to the end of the century.

Double by 1975

The present 13,000 London telex customers should double by 1975, and could be as many as 150,000 by 1985. Apart from housing telex operations, the centre will contain telephone switchrooms employing up to 500 telephoneists who will handle more than 30,000 calls a day.

There will also be a telecommunications service centre operating as a base for 350 engineering staff and 100 vehicles employed on installation and maintenance.

The four projects will be combined in two linked buildings—a five-storey podium block and a 15-storey tower. They will form the latest telecommunications centre in the country. The project has been undertaken for the PO by the Department of the Environment in conjunction with nominated architects. Construction work will be by Taylor Woodrow.

COUNTY ACCEPTS ROAD REPORT

A Government report calling for better standards of road maintenance has been accepted in principle by Derbyshire highway committee, although it could cost over £4m. to implement.

The committee said yesterday that standards of the report by a team headed by Dr. A. H. Marshall were not extravagant bearing in mind that prompt maintenance and early repair could in the long run save money.

INTERIM STATEMENTS

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Interim Statement

The premium income for the half-year ended 30th June 1971 for the three branches was as follows (the corresponding figures for the six months to 30th June 1970 are shown in brackets):

	£	£
Ordinary Branch	3,985,000	(3,787,000)
Annual premiums		
Single premiums		
and annuity consideration	90,000	(115,000)
Industrial Branch	9,692,000	(8,995,000)
General Branch	1,270,000	(1,130,000)

BERRY WIGGINS & CO., LTD.

The Profit of the Company after depreciation but before tax for the six months ended 30th June, 1971 is £185,000 compared with £48,000 for the same period in 1970.

An increase in profit was indicated in the Chairman's Statement, which accompanied the 1970 Accounts, when reporting increases in production and sales. The other major element has been the higher product selling prices over the comparable period.

In these circumstances the Board have felt justified in restoring the cut in the Interim Dividend made in 1970 and have, therefore, declared an Interim of 4% for 1971.

However, the profit for the second six months of 1971 is most unlikely to reach the figure for the first six months of this year, due mainly to the increased cost of Crude Oil which will have its full and considerable effect in this latter period.

Nevertheless, it is anticipated that, subject to unforeseen circumstances, the full year's profit for 1971 will be higher than for the previous year.

GILLETT BROTHERS DISCOUNT COMPANY LIMITED

The directors of GILLETT BROTHERS DISCOUNT COMPANY LIMITED have declared an interim dividend of 6% (1970 5%) on the ordinary share capital of the company on account of the year ending 31st January 1972. The dividend will be paid on 10th September, 1971.

It is proposed to seek the approval of the stockholders for the capitalisation of £250,000 out of reserves by the issue to ordinary stockholders registered at close of business on 6th August of one ordinary share of £1 for every seven ordinary stock units of £1 held.

These shares will not rank for the interim dividend but in every other respect they will rank pari passu with the existing ordinary stock.

The results for the first half year are substantially better than those for the corresponding period last year and it is the present intention of the Board to recommend a final dividend of not less than 9% on the increased capital.

The company is not a close company under the Income Tax and Corporation Taxes Act 1970.

28th July, 1971.

Law Reports

Landlords lose plea to stop rents review

A bid to stop a rent tribunal reviewing the costs of 22 furnished bedsitting rooms owned by a London property company failed in the High Court yesterday.

Tenancy agreements relating to the rooms in Bartholomew Villas and Pashall Road, Kentish Town, London, were referred to the tribunal by the London Borough of Camden following pressure by the Camden Housing Action Group.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court dismissed with costs an application by the landlords, Frey Investments, for an order prohibiting Camden rent tribunal considering the costs. Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice, said the landlords had failed to show that the Council, in referring the rents to the tribunal, had made a decision which was not reasonable local authority properly instructed on the law, would have reached.

He did not know why the Camden Housing Action Group had

urged the Council to exercise its powers in respect of property owned by Frey Investments. There was a good deal of evidence that the company were good landlords.

As a result of the pressure, the Council's housing committee investigated.

According to the Town Clerk, officials reported that some of the rents were a little high but that no tenants had complained. Nor were many tenants prepared to support a reference of their agreements to the tribunal. Evidence that the rents are fair, or low, and a tribunal is unlikely to alter them, yet a local authority is to pay, was not sufficient to support a rent tribunal, that suggests that the local authority is not acting from genuine motives, went on Lord Widgery. He thought the present case was border-line. There was no evidence that the council had been influenced by improper considerations.

Luck decides council election result

A DISPUTED local council election result was decided in the High Court in London yesterday by an official drawing a name from a ballot box. It was the first time in electoral history that judges had ordered "lots to be cast" in such a case.

And the winner-by-chance, Mr. Laurence Peter Morris (Liberal), was the man who had been declared the "dub-elect" winner after a normal public vote.

His election by one vote last May for the Cowick Ward in the Exeter City Council elections had been challenged by the runner-up, Mr. John Levers (Conservative).

Mr. Justice Waller and Mr. Justice Donaldson, sitting as an Election Court yesterday, held that one of the votes for Mr. Levers had been held invalid.

This made the result a tie, which necessitated the ballot. Mr. Levers was given leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal, despite opposition from counsel for Mr. Morris. Mr. Levers had contended that the election was invalidated because no immediate recount was held.

Giving a reserved judgment—the bearing was last Thursday—

Ministry man to pay slander damages

A GOVERNMENT agricultural adviser, Mr. K. W. Silverthorne, was ordered by Mr. Justice Waller to pay substantial slander damages over his "unwarranted" statements that a prominent West Country farmer was guilty of irregularities in the operation of a wheat subsidy scheme.

Mr. Justice Cusack was told in the High Court yesterday that although Mr. Alexander Amundson Copland, of Ilminster, Somerset, his company, Cricket Malherbe, and his secretary, Mr. James Walter Reynolds, were cleared by the Court of Appeal in December of convictions over wheat subsidies, Mr. Silverthorne made a statement to an agricultural journalist in April to the effect that Mr. Copland, his company and secretary had been guilty of offences.

Mr. Silverthorne said he regarded Mr. Copland as being of the highest reputation and integrity. He expressed sincere apologies and undertook not to repeat the statement.

£43,962 award in shares deal case

MR. HENRY PEARLBERG, of Tongue Road, Howe, Essex, was ordered by Mr. Justice Waller to pay £43,962 damages following his failure to complete an agreement of March, 1968, to buy 50 per cent. shareholding in the Metro Group of dry-cleaning companies.

Miss K. L. Megarry, for Mr. Pearlberg, said he intended to appeal. The judge granted a stay of execution of provided Mr. Pearlberg paid half the damages into court within six weeks. He was also ordered to pay costs.

FIRESTONE CASE NOT FOR LORDS

Firestone Tyre and Rubber was yesterday refused leave by the Court of Appeal to appeal to the House of Lords against the High Court finding that it had infringed a patent for an old-fashioned synthetic rubber compound for vehicle tyres.

VAT would ruin theatres, Barber told

BRITAIN'S theatres would face disaster with the imposition of Value Added Tax, Mr. Anthony Barber, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, was told yesterday.

The theatre was still so financially straitened that even the smallest extra burden would have a disproportionately disastrous effect, said a memorandum signed by 26 representative organisations in the theatre and cinema industry.

Theatres and cinemas could not pass on the tax to the public, said their memorandum, issued by Mr. Hugh Jenkins, Labour MP for Putney.

The film and theatre industries paid negligible amounts of purchase tax and Selective Employment Tax, and any imposition of Value Added Tax at any rate was effectively a new tax.

Britain's film industry had a real chance of survival, but its plans would be paralysed by the imposition of VAT. The number of U.K. cinemas had declined by two-thirds, and the number of admissions by five-sixths in the past 15 years.

The Theatre's Advisory Council and the Confederation of Entertainment Unions are among the organisations which signed the memorandum.

EXPANSION IN \$ CERTIFICATES

Issues of London negotiable dollar certificates of deposit outstanding rose £298m. in June to £4,382m. Secondary market holdings fell £37m. to \$85.1m., however. Purchases by foreign dealers in June came to \$336.5m., against \$275.5m. in May, while sales showed a sharper rise, reaching \$349.7m. compared with \$243m. in May. In the secondary market's hands totalled \$14.4m.

Companies to sue NatWest for £22,000

THE National Westminster Bank is being sued in the High Court for nearly £22,000 by two companies with offices at Muswell Hill, North London. They have issued writs claiming that the bank's Stonehill, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, branch wrongly honoured cheques against their accounts.

The first company, The Council of British Societies in Southern California, claims that without making proper inquiries the bank honoured cheques and other orders for payment between September, 1968, and January, 1970, drawn on its account by P. R. Meadows, Mrs. S. A. Meadows and Mrs. P. G. Etheridge.

None of the people, the writ says, had any authority to draw on the account. Payments totalled £11,517.

The second company, Intercontinental Navigation, says the bank had a mandate to honour cheques signed by two authorised signatories, but in fact honoured cheques signed by only one who was not authorised to draw on its account. The amount involved was £10,446.

'Union harmony' helps General Time expansion

AN AMERICAN company has confirmed that it will increase investment in Britain "largely because of harmonious relations with trade unions."

Mr. Franz Tisley, president of Tisley Industries Inc., said in London yesterday that more than £100,000 was being spent on expanding the Scottish factory of its subsidiary, General Time.

The plant at Strathleven, Dumbarton, at present producing 2.5m. watches and clocks a year, would be given responsibility for marketing throughout the whole of Western Europe, he said.

Mr. Tisley said a lot had been heard in America about the alleged irresponsibility and disruptiveness of British trade unions, but it was only good relations with the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers that had made expansion possible in Scotland.

The per cent. extension of the 250,000 square feet Dumbarton factory should be in use by November, and 100 additional workers have already been taken on this year to increase the work force to 900.

John Santos, managing director of General Time, said the expansion would have taken place whether or not Britain went into the Common Market. Of prospects within the EEC, he commented: "If we join the Common Market we may well lose some of our business in the U.K. but we expect to recoup that, and more, through our sales to Europe."

BBC 'to make British and sell British'

NINE new comedy series are among the autumn and winter programmes announced by Mr. Bill Cotton, BBC Television's head of light entertainment yesterday. "But this does not mean that we have any intention of dropping series which have proved their commercial success."

On selling programmes overseas, Mr. Cotton said: "Our job is not to make money out of programmes, but to spend money on programmes to entertain the British public. We believe that eventually the American market will recognise our programmes for what they are, very fine television. We are determined to make 'Britishness' sell."

Since the summer of 1970, his organisation has been involved in co-operation with eight European television concerns. In the next 12 months it will co-produce a series of 13 programmes with ZDF, the West German television organisation, two variety programmes with Scandinavian television and five with West Berlin television.

Security for borrowings of the PLA

THE Harbour Revision Order to secure certain borrowings of the Port of London Authority against its assets became operative on Tuesday.

Notice that the PLA had applied for the Order was published on March 11 and the Order was made by Mr. John Peyton, the Minister for Transport Industries, on May 25.

It provides for certain PLA borrowings to be secured on the assets as well as on the port fund and revenue of the PLA. The borrowings include money raised by the creation and issue of port stock, by the issue of bonds and by the acceptance of deposits and money lent to the PLA by the Government under Section 11 of the Harbours Act, 1964.

BELL & HOWELL TO DISTRIBUTE FUJI MICROFILM

Bell and Howell and Fuji Photo Film, of Japan, have signed an agreement under which Bell and Howell will distribute Fuji Microfilm products throughout the U.K. and France.

Initially, B & H will concentrate on the sale of Fuji high resolution 16mm and 35mm anhalation undercoated microfilm, so that British and French microfilm users will have an alternative source of supply for highest quality film.

ATKINS BROTHERS (HOSIERY) LTD.

Encouraging Progress in Current Year

In his annual review to shareholders of Atkins Brothers (Hosiery) Limited, Mr. J. S. Atkins, DSO, TD, VL, the Chairman said:

Last year I said that it was difficult to remember a year with so much uncertainty. The year ended 31st March, 1971, has perhaps been even more difficult.

Figures for our first half-year were good and pointed to an improvement on the previous corresponding half-year, but profit during the second half fell short. Sales by dozenage were maintained and indeed increased in the main departments, but selling price fell owing to over-production in the industry and at the same time wages have risen and so have the cost of many purchases and services.

Group Profit for the year amounts to £250,332 (£335,302). Taxation takes £100,000 (£158,500) leaving a net profit of £150,332 (£176,802). It is proposed to pay a total dividend of 13½% on the increased share capital, which is equivalent to the same distribution as last year.

The Future: Plans are formed so that the present Company of Atkins Brothers (Hincley) Ltd. and Atkins Brothers (Regent Street, Hincley) Ltd. will be consolidated into one Manufacturing Company, to be known as Atkins of Hincley Ltd. This has necessitated plans for new offices, which have already started, and more production space. I hope the building will be complete by 31st March, 1972.

We have got off to an improved start in the first few weeks of our new financial year which started 1st April, 1971, and the larger departments are considerably more active than this time last year.

We are well prepared to go ahead further, as soon as there is a general move forward of the economy on sound lines.

"LUCKY CHARM" Tights, Panties, Hosiery, Stockings and Ladies' Underwear.	
Makers of "HIGH CROSS" Men's and Boys' Underwear, full fashioned Knitwear, Socks and Sportswear.	
"JOLYNNE" Ladies' fully fashioned and made up Knitwear.	

CHAMBERLIN & HILL LTD.

Iron Founders

HIGHLY GRATIFYING RESULTS

The 67th annual general meeting of Chamberlin and Hill Ltd. was held on July 28 at Walsall, Mr. T. Martin (the chairman) presiding.

The following are extracts from his circulated review and the Accounts:

The Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1971, are good, showing a new high record in turnover and in profits. Turnover was £2,247,500 (£1,948,000) and pre-tax profits amounted to £245,000 (£139,000). The Company was able to continue working at maximum output until the end of March at all three foundries.

The improvement in the performance of the Bloxwich works has continued and the Directors are satisfied that the results now being achieved reflect a reasonable return on the purchase price and the considerable additional capital outlay invested since the acquisition. A great deal of the increase in profits is due to the contribution made by the Bloxwich works.

The Board is now actively engaged on planning the future growth of the Company and this includes a study of schemes involving additional capital expenditure for improving and expanding production facilities. The first priority has already been allocated to the annealing ovens at Bloxwich where new ovens are at present in course of erection and should be in operation by September. I anticipate a fairly heavy programme of capital outlay during the next five years to ensure that the Company can not only maintain, but also improve its position in the industry.

The rate of order inflow, in common with that of the industry as a whole, began to fall during December 1970 and at present shows very little sign of improvement. While the Accounts for the year to 31st March, 1971, are highly gratifying it would be unwise in the light of the present economic climate to make any forecast for the current year.

The report was adopted and a total dividend of 20½% approved.

SANGERS LIMITED

EXTRACT FROM REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY 1971 AND STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sales and Profit before Tax are again a record, despite difficult trading conditions and rising overhead expenses due to the continuing rate of inflation.

The Dividend proposed of 18%, amounts to 21.6% on the capital before the Scrip issue of 1 for 5 in June 1970, thus there is, in effect, a real increase of 44% in the distribution.

The Future. Sales during the first four months to 30th June have increased by 16%. It is confidently expected that the trading profit for the current year is likely to show a material improvement over that for the year to 28th February, 1971, and that the dividend will be increased accordingly.

Salient Figures	Year to 28.2.71	Year to 28.2.70
Sales	£27,352,000	£23,309,000
Profit before Tax	£893,000	£807,000
Profit after Tax	£551,000	£422,000
Retained Profit	£232,000	£202,000
Rate of Ordinary Dividend	18.0%	12.5%
Times Covered	1.9%	2.1%

The Annual General Meeting was held on 28th July 1971. The Report and Accounts for the year ended 28th February 19

WALL STREET + OVERSEAS MARKETS

Further 8.69 decline on strike fears

BY OUR WALL STREET CORRESPONDENT

FURTHER GROUND was lost on Wall Street today. Aside from such recent market depressants as inflation and high unemployment, analysts said there now is concern about the effect of a nationwide strike.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped a further 8.69 to 720.1 and the Transportation Index further declined 2.37 to 108.06, while the NYSE All-Company index fell another 25 cents to \$37.71. Volume sharply expanded by a further 2,380, shares a 13.94m. Declines led advances by 1,040 to 333.

The United States Transportation Union rejected a government request for binding arbitration of a dispute that has shut down 20 per cent of the nation's rail system.

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In addition, one analyst commented that with a steel strike leading coming up this week-end, a lot of people would rather hold cash than invest in the stock market.

U.S. Steel fell 31 to \$29.19, following its sharply higher second quarter profits but slashed dividend to 40 cents from 60 cents per share in the face of a possible steel strike on Friday.

Household Appliance Corp. shares fell 31 to \$34.40, and General Electric fell 32 to \$33.30. General Motors closed unchanged at \$78.00.

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STANDARD AND POORS

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July 27, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

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July 9, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

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July 2, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 1, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

June 30, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

June 29, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

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July 28, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 27, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 26, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 25, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 24, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 23, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 22, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 21, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 20, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 19, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 18, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 17, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 16, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 15, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 14, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 13, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 12, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 11, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 10, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 9, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 8, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 7, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 6, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 5, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 4, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06.

July 3, 1971. Industrial Composite: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 20-Bond: 108.06, 108.06, 108.06. 30-Stock

F.T.—ACTUARIES SHARE INDICES

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EQUITY GROUPS

GROUPS & SUB-SECTIONS

Figures in parentheses after sectional names show number of stocks.

		Wednesday, July 28, 1971		Tuesday, July 27		Monday, July 26		Friday, July 23		Thursday, July 22		Year ago (approx)		High and Low since 1961	
		Index	Change	Index	Change	Index	Change	Index	Change	Index	Change	Index	Change	High	Low
1 CAPITAL GOODS GROUP (184)		158.69	+0.4	158.69	+0.4	158.69	+0.4	158.69	+0.4	158.69	+0.4	158.69	+0.4	158.69	158.69
2 Aircraft and Components (3)		110.88	+0.5	110.88	+0.5	110.88	+0.5	110.88	+0.5	110.88	+0.5	110.88	+0.5	110.88	110.88
3 Building Materials (29)		157.94	+0.7	157.94	+0.7	157.94	+0.7	157.94	+0.7	157.94	+0.7	157.94	+0.7	157.94	157.94
4 Contracting and Construction (19)		833.13	+3.3	833.13	+3.3	833.13	+3.3	833.13	+3.3	833.13	+3.3	833.13	+3.3	833.13	833.13
5 Electric (ex. Electr. Rad. & TV) (13)		982.65	+0.3	982.65	+0.3	982.65	+0.3	982.65	+0.3	982.65	+0.3	982.65	+0.3	982.65	982.65
6 Engineering (80)		149.99	+0.4	149.99	+0.4	149.99	+0.4	149.99	+0.4	149.99	+0.4	149.99	+0.4	149.99	149.99
7 Machine Tools (15)		65.14	+0.4	65.14	+0.4	65.14	+0.4	65.14	+0.4	65.14	+0.4	65.14	+0.4	65.14	65.14
8 Miscellaneous (25)		134.65	+0.4	134.65	+0.4	134.65	+0.4	134.65	+0.4	134.65	+0.4	134.65	+0.4	134.65	134.65
9 CONSUMER GOODS (DURABLE) GROUP (56)		171.76	-1.9	171.76	-1.9	171.76	-1.9	171.76	-1.9	171.76	-1.9	171.76	-1.9	171.76	171.76
10 Electronics, Radio and TV (17)		180.48	-1.0	180.48	-1.0	180.48	-1.0	180.48	-1.0	180.48	-1.0	180.48	-1.0	180.48	180.48
11 Household Goods (15)		180.00	+0.1	180.00	+0.1	180.00	+0.1	180.00	+0.1	180.00	+0.1	180.00	+0.1	180.00	180.00
12 Motors and Distributors (27)		119.41	-1.9	119.41	-1.9	119.41	-1.9	119.41	-1.9	119.41	-1.9	119.41	-1.9	119.41	119.41
13 CONSUMER GOODS (NON-DURABLE) GROUP (175)		163.37	-0.6	163.37	-0.6	163.37	-0.6	163.37	-0.6	163.37	-0.6	163.37	-0.6	163.37	163.37
14 Breweries (31)		170.36	-0.3	170.36	-0.3	170.36	-0.3	170.36	-0.3	170.36	-0.3	170.36	-0.3	170.36	170.36
15 Wines and Spirits (7)		171.55	-2.5	171.55	-2.5	171.55	-2.5	171.55	-2.5	171.55	-2.5	171.55	-2.5	171.55	171.55
16 Entertainment and Catering (15)		203.54	-0.3	203.54	-0.3	203.54	-0.3	203.54	-0.3	203.54	-0.3	203.54	-0.3	203.54	203.54
17 Food Manufacturing (24)		141.89	-0.3	141.89	-0.3	141.89	-0.3	141.89	-0.3	141.89	-0.3	141.89	-0.3	141.89	141.89
18 Food Retailing (17)		132.04	+1.0	132.04	+1.0	132.04	+1.0	132.04	+1.0	132.04	+1.0	132.04	+1.0	132.04	132.04
19 Newspapers and Publishing (18)		149.39	+0.6	149.39	+0.6	149.39	+0.6	149.39	+0.6	149.39	+0.6	149.39	+0.6	149.39	149.39
20 Packaging and Paper (18)		119.60	-1.2	119.60	-1.2	119.60	-1.2	119.60	-1.2	119.60	-1.2	119.60	-1.2	119.60	119.60
21 Stores (30)		132.89	-0.6	132.89	-0.6	132.89	-0.6	132.89	-0.6	132.89	-0.6	132.89	-0.6	132.89	132.89
22 Textiles (21)		177.77	+0.6	177.77	+0.6	177.77	+0.6	177.77	+0.6	177.77	+0.6	177.77	+0.6	177.77	177.77
23 Tobacco (3)		251.30	-1.2	251.30	-1.2	251.30	-1.2	251.30	-1.2	251.30	-1.2	251.30	-1.2	251.30	251.30
24 Toys and Games (6)		49.09	-0.2	49.09	-0.2	49.09	-0.2	49.09	-0.2	49.09	-0.2	49.09	-0.2	49.09	49.09
OTHER GROUPS															
25 Chemicals (19)		193.39	-0.1	193.39	-0.1	193.39	-0.1	193.39	-0.1	193.39	-0.1	193.39	-0.1	193.39	193.39
26 Office Equipment (10)		200.12	-2.5	200.12	-2.5	200.12	-2.5	200.12	-2.5	200.12	-2.5	200.12	-2.5	200.12	200.12
27 Shipping (10)		223.11	-0.7	223.11	-0.7	223.11	-0.7	223.11	-0.7	223.11	-0.7	223.11	-0.7	223.11	223.11
28 Miscellaneous (unclassified) (44)		189.93	-0.2	189.93	-0.2	189.93	-0.2	189.93	-0.2	189.93	-0.2	189.93	-0.2	189.93	189.93
29 INDUSTRIAL GROUP (498 SHARES)		170.47	-0.3	170.47	-0.3	170.47	-0.3	170.47	-0.3	170.47	-0.3	170.47	-0.3	170.47	170.47
30 Oil (2)		368.10	-1.5	368.10	-1.5	368.10	-1.5	368.10	-1.5	368.10	-1.5	368.10	-1.5	368.10	368.10
31 500 SHARE INDEX		186.38	-0.5	186.38	-0.5	186.38	-0.5	186.38	-0.5	186.38	-0.5	186.38	-0.5	186.38	186.38
32 FINANCIAL GROUP (121)		175.44	+0.8	175.44	+0.8	175.44	+0.8	175.44	+0.8	175.44	+0.8	175.44	+0.8	175.44	175.44
33 Banks (6)		189.55	+0.9	189.55	+0.9	189.55	+0.9	189.55	+0.9	189.55	+0.9	189.55	+0.9	189.55	189.55
34 Discount Houses (6)		176.05	-0.6	176.05	-0.6	176.05	-0.6	176.05	-0.6	176.05	-0.6	176.05	-0.6	176.05	176.05
35 Hire Purchase (6)		265.29	-0.8	265.29	-0.8	265.29	-0.8	265.29	-0.8	265.29	-0.8	265.29	-0.8	265.29	265.29
36 Insurance (Life) (9)		163.30	-0.3	163.30	-0.3	163.30	-0.3	163.30	-0.3	163.30	-0.3	163.30	-0.3	163.30	163.30
37 Insurance (Composite) (9)		134.50	+0.7	134.50	+0.7	134.50	+0.7	134.50	+0.7	134.50	+0.7	134.50	+0.7	134.50	134.50
38 Insurance (Brokers) (10)		177.59	+0.7	177.59	+0.7	177.59	+0.7	177.59	+0.7	177.59	+0.7	177.59	+0.7	177.59	177.59
39 Investment Trusts (20)		197.56	-0.8	197.56	-0.8	197.56	-0.8	197.56	-0.8	197.56	-0.8	197.56	-0.8	197.56	197.56
40 Merchant Banks, Issuing Houses (15)		171.44	+0.4	171.44	+0.4	171.44	+0.4	171.44	+0.4	171.44	+0.4	171.44	+0.4	171.44	171.44
41 Property (31)		210.85	-0.8	210.85	-0.8	210.85	-0.8	210.85	-0.8	210.85	-0.8	210.85	-0.8	210.85	210.85
42 Miscellaneous (9)		177.80	-0.3	177.80	-0.3	177.80	-0.3	177.80	-0.3	177.80	-0.3	177.80	-0.3	177.80	177.80
43 ALL-SHARE INDEX (621 SHARES)		183.05	-0.3	183.05	-0.3	183.05	-0.3	183.05	-0.3	183.05	-0.3	183.05	-0.3	183.05	183.05
COMMODITY SHARE GROUPS															
44 Rubbers (10)		300.47	-0.6	300.47	-0.6	300.47	-0.6	300.47	-0.6	300.47	-0.6	300.47	-0.6	300.47	300.47
45 Teas (10)		86.63	-0.8	86.63	-0.8	86.63	-0.8	86.63	-0.8	86.63	-0.8	86.63	-0.8	86.63	86.63
46 Coppers (4)		331.17	+0.9	331.17	+0.9	331.17	+0.9	331.17	+0.9	331.17	+0.9	331.17	+0.9	331.17	331.17
47 Mining Finance (11)		106.41	-0.1	106.41	-0.1	106.41	-0.1	106.41	-0.1	106.41	-0.1	106.41	-0.1	106.41	106.41
48 Tins (8)		72.84	-1.2	72.84	-1.2	72.84	-1.2	72.84	-1.2	72.84	-1.2	72.84	-1.2	72.84	72.84
FIXED INTEREST															
1 Consols 2½% yield		9.23	9.23	9.23	9.23	9.23	9.23	9.23	9.23	9.23	9.23	9.23	9.23	9.23	9.23
2 20-yr. Govt. Stocks (6)		78.75	78.75	78.75	78.75	78.75	78.75	78.75	78.75	78.75	78.75	78.75	78.75	78.75	78.75
3 20-yr. Red. Debentures & Loans (15)		72.08	72.08	72.08	72.08	72.08	72.08	72.08	72.08	72.08	72.08	72.08	72.08	72.08	72.08
4 Investment Trusts Prefs. (15)		68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95	68.95
5 Commercial and Indust. Prefs. (20)		74.33	74.33	74.33	74.33	74.33	74.33	74.33	74.33	74.33	74.33	74.33	74.33	74.33	74.33

'Participation in EEC' will strengthen U.K.'

JR. ARNOLD SMITH, Commonwealth Secretary-General, comes out strongly in favour of British entry into the Common Market, the current issue of *Crossroads*, the journal of the Bro Group of Co-operatives.

He does not agree with suggestions that if Britain joins the EEC there would inevitably be a total weakening of the Commonwealth. The fact that Britain intends to enter into a healthy partnership with Europe does not mean a declining need to live in close relationship with non-European countries.

British participation in the European Community can, and will, strengthen Britain, strengthen Europe and strengthen Britain's and Europe's co-operation with other parts of the Commonwealth and the English-speaking world," he says.

British entry would make the Commonwealth more important to all her 32 members and he wished this was better understood by Britons who still regard the Commonwealth as an obstacle to entry.

He says Britain's insistence upon acceptable terms had won an "unprecedented and special arrangement" for New Zealand traditional trade with Britain.

He points out that although the quantity of New Zealand butte exports to Britain will be reduced to 10 per cent, in fact there will still be a high level of guaranteed sales. The same applied to cheese. On his country's lamb exports, he also optimistic of a continued reasonable level of sales.

"For New Zealand the cloud of uncertainty which has hung over our country for some 10 years is now largely dispelled."

MAURITIUS ROUTE FREIGHT RATE UP

Shipping line members of the Mauritius Outward Conference have announced that, because of a further "alarmingly" increase in operating costs, freight rates from U.K. or Continent to Mauritius will be raised by about 10 per cent. from November 1. This follows a 10 per cent. rise in freight on the route, which came into operation on April 1.

ULSTER OUTPUT UP ON YEAR AGO

Industrial production in Northern Ireland during April was at the same level as in March, but 5 points higher than in April a year earlier. The "manures" factoring industries stood at 101, which is 3 points higher than in March and 6 points higher than in April, 1970.

Option Report

and three-month "Call" rates

OPTION DEALING DATES
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Trading was again active yesterday in the Option market. "Calls" were arranged in British Leyland, G.R.A. Property Trust, Poseidon, London and Bombay, Western Mining, Adeption, "Lof's" General Accident, Fitch Lovell, Debenham, Trust House, Forte, Rovers, Tremlett, Shel Transport, Ultramar, Sun Valley, Rio de Janeiro, Coos. Gold, J. Moviem, Fisons, Broken Hill Proprietary, Metal Exploration, Bardoll and D Macpherson.

"Puts" were done in Plessey and "Calls" in British Leyland. The "Calls" were completed in "Gains", "A", First National Finance, Cons. Gold and Plessey.

Industrials		G.O.S. "A"		1971		1970	
		Index	Change	Index	Change	Index	Change
10 Industrials		186.38	-0.5	186.38	-0.5	186.38	-0.5
11 Banks		189.55	+0.9	189.55	+0.9	189.55	+0.9
12 Discount Houses		176.05	-0.6	176.05	-0.6	176.05	-0.6
13 Hire Purchase		265.29	-0.8	265.29	-0.8	265.29	-0.8
14 Insurance (Life)		163.30	-0.3	163.30	-0.3	163.30	-0.3
15 Insurance (Composite)		134.50	+0.7	134.50	+0.7	134.50	+0.7
16 Insurance (Brokers)		177.59	+0.7	177.59	+0.7	177.59	+0.7
17 Investment Trusts		197.56	-0.8	197.56	-0.8	197.56	-0.8
18 Merchant Banks, Issuing Houses		171.44	+0.4	171.44	+0.4	171.44	+0.4
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2	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
3	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
4	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
5	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
6	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
7	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
8	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
9	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
10	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
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25	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
26	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
27	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
28	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
29	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
30	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
31	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
32	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
33	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
34	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
35	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
36	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
37	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
38	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
39	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
40	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
41	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
42	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
43	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
44	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
45	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
46	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
47	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
48	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
49	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
50	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
51	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
52	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
53	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
54	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
55	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
56	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
57	Barclays Bank...	19	6.02	20	Walker	22	10
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